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Use of on-line Databases

A two-day non-residential short course will be organized by The School of Librarianship, The Polytechnic of North London, from 7–8 April 1981.

The course will be mainly practical, offering instruction on the use of a thesaurus, structuring and modification of search profiles using controlled and natural language. Participants will be required to undertake at least two full searches at the terminal as well as desk exercises. Access will be provided on two dial-up terminals to Lockheed and ESA. Demonstrations will be displayed on monitors. Course Organizer: John Eyre.

Further details from: The Secretary, Short Courses, The School of Librarianship, The Polytechnic of North London, 207–225 Essex Road, London N1 3PN.

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FIAF

Classification Scheme for Literature on Film and Television

by Michael Moulds

This scheme is designed specifically for use in the documentation collections of the member archives of the International Federation of Film Archives (FIAF). It is already, before publication, applied in four major libraries, those of the Nederlands Filmmuseum (Amsterdam), the Australian Film Institute, Filmoteca Nacional de Espana (Madrid) and the television collection of the Dansk Filmmuseum (Copenhagen).

In order to facilitate international acceptance, the scheme depends considerably on the UDC, and the use of the Abridged English Edition of the UDC is considered essential to its successful application.

The scheme is given in two versions running parallel, a full version on the right hand page and the abridgement facing it on the left hand page throughout.

The volume contains a selection of practical examples of the use of the scheme giving, where they differ, suggested numbers from both full and abridged versions.

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1981
JANUARY

8 Thurs evening — Economic and Business Information Group New Year Party
Aslib
Contact: Nigel Oxbrow, London Business School Bookshop, Sussex Place, London NW1 4SA

13/16 Tues/Fri — Aslib Course: Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
Aslib
Fee: £100; Aslib members £75
Details and application form in November/December issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

16 Fri 16.30 17.30 — Technical Translation Group: Annual General Meeting and Sherry Party
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib

27 Tues 14.00 — Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group Visit: Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1
Contact: Miss S. M. Childs, Basement Flat 1A, 8 Palmeira Square, Hove, Sussex BN3 2JB

*28 Wed 10.30 — Audiovisual Group Visit: Ceefax Office, 7th Floor, TV Centre, Wood Lane, London W12
Contact: Barbara Smith, London College of Fashion, 100 Curtain Road, London EC2A 3AE
Tel: 01 629 9401

28 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Aslib Evening Meeting: Ethics and the information profession, by R. C. Usherwood, Sheffield University
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details with this issue

*28 Wed 19.00 — Aslib Midlands Branch Wine Tasting Evening
Crypt of St Mary's Hall, Coventry
Contact: Peter Irving, 0203 24166 ext 295
Details later

*30 Fri — Economic and Business Information Group Seminar: Business Prestel — does it work?
Library Association, 7 Ridgmount Street, London WC1
Contact: Peter Page, Guinness Overseas Ltd, Park Royal Brewery, London NW10
Tel: 01 965 7700

FEBRUARY

2/5 Mon/Thurs — Aslib Course: Financial Aspects of Business Information
Aslib
Fee: £125; Aslib members £100
Details and application form in this issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*9 Mon 15.00 for 15.30 — Informatics Group Meeting: Formatting for automated systems
Aslib
Contact: J. C. McLelland, BSI, Maylands Avenue, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP2 4SQ

*11 Wed — Aslib Midlands Branch Visits to Local Firms I:
1. RoSPA
2. Hudsons Bookshops
3. GKN Group Technological Centre
Contact: Mrs Victoria Kendall
Tel: 021 359 3611 ext 6342

*13 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group Meeting: Language in Management
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib

17/20 Tue/Fri — Aslib Course: Classification and Indexing Systems
Aslib
Fee: £100; Aslib members £95
Details and application form in January issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*18 Wed 15.00 — Chemical Group Meeting and Visit: Imperial College Archives, London SW7
Contact: F. Tait, Subject Specialist Natural Resources, BBC, Broadcasting House, Room 3, 1 Duchess Street, London W1A 1AA

24/25 and 26 Mon/Tues Wed — Economic and Business Information Group Visit: Extel Statistical Services, London EC2
Contact: Maria Collins, Librarian, Department of Trade Statistics & Market Intelligence Library, Export House, 50 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7HV
Tel: 01 248 5757 ext 370

*25 Wed — Aslib Midlands Branch Visits to Local Firms II:
4. TI Information and Patents
5. IMI (Kynoch) Ltd.
Contact: Mrs Victoria Kendall,
Tel: 021 359 3611 ext 6342

*25 Wed — Aslib Evening Meeting: Word processors in libraries/information departments, by J. B. Whitehead, Pilkington Brothers Limited
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Leaflet with this issue

MARCH

5/6 Thurs/Fri — Aslib Course: Introduction to Library Automation
Aslib
Fee: £55; Aslib members £40
Details and application form in January issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

9/11 Mon/Wed — Aslib Course: Thesaurus Construction
Aslib
Fee: £125; Aslib members £100
Details and application form in January issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

11 Wed 13.30 — Economic and Business Information Group Visit: *The Manchester Guardian*, Manchester
Contact: Lindsay Churchill, Rolls-Royce Limited, Aero Division, PO Box 31, Derby DE2 8BJ

*11 Wed — Aslib Midlands Branch with RSIS East Midlands Seminar: Applications of Computers in Libraries
Library, Loughborough University of Technology
Contact: Mrs Patricia Siddall,
Tel: 021 235 4393

*16 Mon — Promoting and publicising library and information services: a workshop
Sudbury House Conference Hall, 15 Newgate Street, London EC1
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Programme and application form with this issue

*17 Tues 10.30 — Informatics Group one-day Retrieval Package Fair
Aslib
Contact: Joe McLelland, BSI, Maylands Avenue, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP2 4SQ

*18 Wed 11.00 – 16.00 — Biological and Agricultural Sciences/East Midland Agricultural Information Group Visit: Meat and Livestock Commission Unit and Information Centre
Royal Agricultural Society's Showground, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire
Contact: S. Cramer, The Library, School of Agriculture, University of Nottingham, Sutton Bonnington, Loughborough LE12 5RD
Tel: Kegworth 2386

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*18 Wed — Aslib Evening Meeting: LASER and Prestel, by Miss J. M. Plaister, Director, LASER
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib

*18/20 Wed/Fri — Aslib Course: Current Awareness and Technical Change
Aslib
Fee: £100; Aslib members £80
Details and application form in January issue of Aslib Information
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*25 Wed 10.30 for 11.00 (provisional) — Economic and Business Information Group Seminar: Selling your library service
Leeds City Museum
Contact: Terry Hanstock, Commercial and Law Librarian, Sheffield Central Library, Surrey Street, Sheffield

*25 Wed 18.30 for 19.00 — Aslib Midlands Branch AGM with Buffet Meal and Talk by David Green on Information at BBC
Midland Hotel, Birmingham
Contact: Mrs Ann Lawes,
Tel: 0452 28621 ext 225

*27 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group Meeting: BBC Foreign Language Courses
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib

APRIL

2 Thurs 14.00 — Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group Annual General Meeting and Tour, displays and libraries
British Museum (Natural History), London SW7
Contact: Susan Childs, Basement flat 1A, 8 Palmeira Square, Hove, Sussex BN3 2DB

*3/5 Fri/Sun — Electronics Group Twenty-third Annual Conference
Loughborough University of Technology, Loughborough, Leicestershire
Contact: S. Thornton, Main Library, Q4 Building, MOD (PE), Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, Hants GU14 6TD
Tel: 0252 24461 ext 2235

6/8 Mon/Wed — Information management and organizational change: a Conference
London Tara Hotel
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Programme and registration form with this issue

6/10 Mon/Fri — Aslib Course: Senior Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
Aslib
Fee: £120; Aslib members £90
Details and application form in January issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*7 Tues afternoon — Economic and Business Information Group Visit: Foreign and Commonwealth Office Library
Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London SW1
Contact: Maria Collins, Librarian, Department of Trade Statistics & Market Intelligence Library, Export House, 50 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7HV
Tel: 01 248 5757 ext 370

14/16 Tues/Thurs — Transport and Planning Group Two-day Meeting: Energy for planning transport
York University
Contact: Miss L. Partington, Room P3/183, DOE/DTP Library Services, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1
Tel: 01 212 4823
Leaflet with this issue

27 April – 1 May Mon/Fri — Aslib Course: Business Information
Aslib
Fee: £120; Aslib members £90
Details and application form in January issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

MAY

*5 Tues 14.30 — Economic and Business Information Group Visit: *Economist* Intelligence Unit
27 St James's Place, London SW1
Contact: Maria Collins, Librarian, Department of Trade Stastistics & Market Intelligence Library, Export House, 50 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7HV
Tel: 01 248 5757 ext 370

12 Tues — Aslib Course: Product Information
Aslib
Fee £45; Aslib members £30
Details and application form in January issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
Note change of date

14 Thurs — Aslib Course: Techniques of Reference Work
Aslib
Fee: £45; Aslib members £30
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*15 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group Meeting
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

19/22 Tues/Fri — Aslib Course: Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
Aslib
Fee: £100; Aslib members £75
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

JUNE

4/5 Thurs/Fri — Aslib Course: Official Publications
Aslib
Fee: £80; Aslib members £65
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*9 Tues 18.00 — Aslib 14th Annual Lecture
Royal Aeronautical Society
4 Hamilton Place, London W1
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

*15/17 Mon/Wed — Aslib Course: Information Management
Aslib
Fee: £100; Aslib members £80
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*22/23 Mon/Tues — Aslib Course: Computer Produced Indexes
Aslib
Fee: £90; Aslib members £70
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

JULY

*15 Wed — Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group whole-day visit: ICI Plant Protection Division
Jealott's Hill Research Station, Bracknell, Berks
Contact: Susan Childs, Basement flat 1A, 8 Palmeira Square, Hove, Sussex BN3 2DB

SEPTEMBER

22/25 Tues/Fri — Aslib 54th Annual Conference: Information '81: forecasts and realities
University of Oxford
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

* = new entry

Aslib Activities

HEADQUARTERS

National Information Policy

The fourth report of the Education, Science and Arts Committee of the House of Commons on *Information Storage and Retrieval in the British Library Service,* published in October 1980, contains the following recommendations:

(1) The problem of the implications for copyright of new technology should be treated with the necessary urgency.
(2) The report on the future development of libraries at present being prepared by the Library Advisory Council (England) should be published as expeditiously as possible to assist the achievement of a national library policy.
(3) The issues concerning the relationship between the co-operative library groups and the British Library should be given renewed attention by the parties concerned, and should be a subject for consideration by the network advisory commission which we recommend below.
(4) The development and co-ordination on a national basis, of an automated information network system.
(5) As soon as possible the Government should appoint a Minister of Cabinet rank to take responsibility for information policy, and should provide him with the necessary staff, as far as possible by appropriate secondments from within Whitehall departments.
(6) The Government should set up as a matter of urgency a Standing Commission representative of the wide range of interests concerned with the provision of information particularly by telematic means, to examine on a continuing basis the problems of developing a national information network, to formulate national requirements, to relate them to international developments, to investigate possible solutions, and to make proposals for their implementation by appropriate bodies.

Aslib particularly welcomes recommendations (5) and (6) since they embody a positive response to the representations made by Aslib to the Committee on the need for a national information policy which would incorporate both the application of new technology and the co-ordination of existing library and information provision in the UK.

In the evidence which it gave to the Committee, Aslib stressed the need for a strong focus in government to co-ordinate national information resources not only because such resources are vital to the economic future of the country but because, in this field, Britain is failing to match the massive efforts being made in other Western countries to harness information resources for the public good.

Before the publication of the Committee's report, discussions had been held between Aslib, the Institute of Information Scientists, the Library Association, and SCONUL on the one hand and the Office of Arts and Libraries on the other in relation to the report of the Library Advisory Council (England) on the future development of libraries and the Minister's response to that report, given at the Tri-partite conference in Sheffield. The LAC(E) report is, of course, concerned mainly with the development of publicly funded library services in England, not with the need for a national information policy, but the Minister for the Arts, the Rt Hon Norman St John-Stevas, did agree, in giving evidence to the House of Commons Committee that although there was, at present, no lead Minister on information policy, he was prepared to regard himself as a possible choice for that role.

Since the publications of these reports the Office of Arts and Libraries, perhaps in anticipation of the wider role which it may be asked to assume, has been holding wide-ranging discussions with specialised interests in the information and library field to seek further guidance on how progress might best be achieved.

The next step is likely to be a seminar in the early Spring organised jointly by the four Associations and with participation by OAL, with the aim of presenting proposals for further action. What we shall be seeking is a means for bringing together in one focus the separate threads of information technology, information resources, and library services so that there may eventually emerge within the United Kingdom a recognisable national policy for the development and exploitation of information as a national resource.

In formulating proposals Aslib will want to ensure that the views of its members and are fully represented and members are invited to write to the Acting Director on any specific issues which they wish to raise as soon as possible.

Conferences and Meetings 1981

After a record year — at least in terms of delegate numbers — the Aslib Conference Department is looking forward to unabated activity in 1981. Two large (we hope) conferences are in prospect: *Information management and organizational change* (6/8 April at the London Tara Hotel) bases its appeal on a theme which we believe to be important, highly topical and a response to the challenge of the straitened times. The programme was published in the autumn and accompanies this issue of *Aslib Information.* The concessionary rate for the fee expires on 31 January, so don't wait to apply.

Oxford as the location for the Annual Conference is an inspiration to match the programme to the unparalleled setting. Every nerve is being strained to achieve this — some advance information about the theme and programme is given below.

For library and information workers at all levels who are concerned with the practical aspects of promoting their services to users, a workshop on *Promoting and publicising library and information services* has been arranged for 16 March. This will be a serious learning occasion, with down-to-earth papers by experts, demonstrations and every attempt to encourage audience participation. The programme and registration form accompany this issue. Also in the pipeline is a conference on information on current events (early summer), while it is hoped that information and tourism may find a place in the programme towards the end of the year.

The programme of Evening Meetings opens with a look at ethics and the information profession by Bob Usherwood, who chaired the working party that drafted the LA code of ethics, published as a Green Paper this autumn. Colin Offor, Aslib's observer on this working party, will take the chair and the event should provide an opportunity both to study the code and its impact on Aslib members and to open up wide ranging discussion on the subject. On 25 February, John Whitehead of Pilkington Brothers Limited, will talk about word-processors in libraries and information departments, while LASER's contribution to the development of Prestel services in libraries will be described by Jean Plaister, LASER's Director, on 18 March.

Watch the Calendar for Aslib's developing conference and meetings programme and be sure to contact the Conference Organizer, Aslib, for further details and with any wishes or ideas for meetings or conferences that you may have.

Aslib 54th Annual Conference: Information '81: forecasts and realities

22–25 September 1981, University of Oxford

Information '81: forecasts and realities is the title under which Aslib's 54th Annual Conference, to be held in Oxford 22–25 September, will try to identify topics that are of special interest and urgency in the second half of 1981 and to present up-to-the-minute statements of progress, developments and prospects in these fields.

A quick look is taken first at national information policies: has there been any progress since the Aslib/IIS/Library Association Joint Conference's massive onslaught on the national provision and use of information? What is happening in Western Europe (Professor Dr Peter Canisius, President of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Dokumentation, will report on this last). More

than half a day will be devoted to the technology, and here we have already secured Professor T. T. Stonier (Department of Science and Society, University of Bradford: note his new book *Wealth of Information*) on the impact of cheap electronics in information and the electronic office; Robert Maxwell, who needs no introduction; Dr C. F. Tapper, a Fellow of Magdalen, on closed or open computerised information systems; Anthony Smith (did you see *Goodbye Gutenberg?*) on ethical problems posed by the development of technology. In a session provisionally entitled 'Talking points' Peter Leggate will report on matching user needs in health care; Dr Dennis Shaw will talk about serials control: linking the literature to the references and examining serials automation; while Dr D. G. Watson (Cambridge University Chemical Laboratory) will give an up-to-date review of how CODATA meets the needs of the scientific community. The programme will be further enhanced by sessions arranged by the Groups, timed to run parallel with the morning session and the afternoon visits on 24 September.

Wadham and New College, each in its way a magnificent and historic building, will house the delegates, while the sessions and exhibition will be held in the splendid new Zoology Department in South Parks Road. A reception in the Sheldonian Theatre is planned for one evening of the Conference, while Oxford itself and an exciting programme of visits offer a bewildering choice of delights. The programme and registration form will be published and distributed in March. Contact for all enquiries: the Conference Organizer, Alsib.

INFORMATICS GROUP

Retrieval Package Fair
17 March 1981, at Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1

The Informatics Group are planning this event as a demonstration of as wide a range of information retrieval packages as possible. Demonstrations are planned to take place throughout the day, enabling prospective users to compare one system with another.

Producers of such packages are invited to take part in the fair by presenting their systems, and for this they should apply to Joe McLelland, BSI, Maylands Avenue, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP2 4SQ, who is also the contact for general information about the event.

Informatics 6: Call for papers

Informatics 6 will form part of the 1981 Aslib Annual Conference (to be held from 22–25 September in the University of Oxford). It will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 24 September, and will be followed by an informal workshop on the afternoon of the following day. Previously, Informatics conferences have been organized as separate events, but the current economic climate precludes this. Furthermore, the theme of the Aslib Annual Conference (Information '81: forecasts and realities) would appear to be singularly attractive to the Informatics Group.

Informatics 6 will consist of a keynote paper by Dr Margaret Boden, University of Sussex, plus four papers for which submissions are now invited. It may also be possible to present short contributions during the Friday afternoon workshop. The central theme of Informatics 6 will be *The Design of Information Systems for Human Beings.* Papers submitted should reflect this theme, namely that of the problems of designing or modifying systems to make them comprehensible to their intended users.

Papers should present the results of original research, preferably for the first time. Authors wishing to offer papers should submit a title and abstract to the Secretary of the Aslib Informatics Group (Mr J. McLelland, BSI, Maylands Avenue, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.) before mid-March. The authors of papers accepted for presentation will be expected to submit a full text by 30 June as preprints will be available for sale before the sessions.

Translators of the world unite!

The impulse clearly was intense interest, perhaps spiked with a little personal anxiety, that drew an audience of over 200 — translators, freelance and otherwise, their employers and members of translation departments and organizations — to the conference and exhibition *Machine aids for translators,* masterminded by the Aslib Technical Translation Group and the Translators' Guild of the Institute of Linguists and held on 20 November in London's Kensington Close Hotel. Especially notable was the large proportion of delegates from overseas — just short of 70 — drawn from Austria, Germany, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Sweden, Switzerland, Finland and the Congo.

The programme set out first to review the various machine aids that can be exploited by translators, and A. D. Stiegler not only did this in a very thorough and wide-ranging way, but threw in some comments and suggestions of a stimulating and imaginative nature. Equally stimulating and adventurous was Robert Clark's reaction to machine aids for the small user. Though 'small', he is not typical in the sense that he is obviously exceptionally able, imaginative and capable of adapting the various technologies to his needs, and his paper made a really inspiring and creative contribution to thinking on the subject.

A very clear and practical account of how the whole galaxy of online can be harnessed to the translation function was given by Pauline Duckitt, while UMIST's feasibility study on terminology data banks was described by John McNaught. The audience obviously found this an attractive idea but whether or not the funding to transform this to fact rather than an appealing prospect is still unclear.

Peter Arthern's desription of how translating is conducted in the Community was deepened by the fact that he speaks with considerable authority on the historical aspects and long experience on the practical ones. He was able to back up his talk in the exhibition with a demonstration of the European Communities' Glossary on a Siemens word-processor for input and automatic arrangement of terms.

In the exhibition, which attracted a great deal of interest, a range of word-processor systems which can be used for editing, printing and revising translated text was demonstrated by Data Recall, Rank Xerox (UK) Ltd, and Hamilton Rentals, who also had on show Weidner's computer-assisted translation system. An electronic office of great sophistication, ranging from a portable typewriter through an OCR reader and word-processing unit with many ancillary devices was on view on CPT(UK) Ltd's stand, while the CEC's ECHO system demonstrated EURODICAUTOM, a multilingual data bank.

Concluding this successful conference, Professor Juan Sager of UMIST saw the multitude of machine aids available to translators and the increasing use of information technology as a positive stimulus to the translation activity and an opportunity for translators with the flexibility of attitude to meet the expanding demand and use the facilities available.

The proceedings of *Machine aids for translators* will be published by Aslib. Details can be obtained from the Publications Department.

LIBRARY

Thesauri notifications
Construction industry terms: a guide based on the structural principles of the Construction Industry Thesaurus (CIT). London: Dept of the Environment, Property Services Agency, 1979. 76p. £4.50.

This guide to the meaning of selected construction industry terms recommends usage and interpretations of terms following the Construction Industry Thesaurus (CIT): it is complementary to the latter and not a substitute for it. It is for use by 1) indexers, general librarians, students etc. unfamiliar with the terminology of the construction industry; 2) those in the construction industry who wish to understand how particular

terms from CIT should be used. It comprises an introduction (section 1); an explanation of the main categories or facet structure of the CIT (section 2); the terms and definitions arranged in the same order as the CIT (section 3); notes for indexers on the choice of terms (section 4); and a consolidated index covering all the terms in sections 3 and 4.

Construction definitions

The CIT Agency, Polytechnic of the South Bank, is also seeking advance orders for *Construction Definitions,* a comprehensive glossary of definitions in British and ISO Standards and a revised and improved version of the 1977 issue published by the British Standards Institution. All definitions of terms in BSI and ISO standards and glossaries or vocabularies which are of interest to the construction industry will be brought together and arranged in a single alphabetical sequence. When there are multiple definitions for the same term, all the alternatives are given, together with their source. Designated non-preferred, deprecated and acceptable alternative terms are also included as cross-references. *Construction Definitions* will be published in a limited edition only, to meet advance orders. It will probably be in 2 volumes and will cost about £95.00. Contact: CIT Agency, Polytechnic of the South Bank, Wandsworth Road, London SW8 2JZ.

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ABASG News

Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group Newsletter No. 18

Copy for the next issue should be sent to Ms J. Lovenack, The Library, Chelsea College, Hortensia Road, London, SW10 0QR. Tel: 01 352 5778 ex. 30, by 10 March 1981.

Agriculture and Biological Periodicals Holdings

This highly important resource material is under considerable pressure for cutbacks in many libraries at this time. It is felt that it would be useful to hold an open meeting to discuss what decline is taking place and how collaborative schemes, or other measures might help. If you feel strongly about this matter and can offer factual information and/or suggestions concerning such a meeting please contact Susan Childs, Basement Flat 1a, 8 Palmeira Square, Hove, Sussex, BN3 2JB as soon as possible.

Joint Meeting of the East Midlands Agricultural Information Group and ABASG

ABASG welcomes the initiative of the East Midlands Group in arranging the following meeting for Wednesday 18 March 1981 at 11 am, to be held at the Royal Agricultural Showground, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire. For librarians there will be a look at the Information Centre at the Royal Agricultural Showground and at the work they do. A buffet lunch will be available. The proceedings are expected to end about 4.00 pm. Apply to Mr S. Cramer, The Library, University of Nottingham, School of Agriculture, Sutton Bonnington, Loughborough, LE12 5RD. Tel: Kegworth 2386.

ABASG Annual General Meeting

This is to be held at 2.00 pm on Thursday, 2 April 1981. The venue is the British Museum (Natural History) and there will be a chance to view the galleries and see why the Museum has won the Museum of the Year Award. 1981 is the centenary year and a special exhibition 'The Museum at Work – Collections and Research at the British Museum (Natural History)' has been mounted for the public as part of the celebrations. A tour of the libraries, which form one of the major natural history collections in the world, with many rare and unique books, manuscripts and drawings, is included. Those wishing to attend should contact Susan Childs, Basement Flat 1a, 8 Palmeira Square, Hove, Sussex BN3 2JB.

A new medical archives collection

The Contemporary Medical Archives Centre which was established last year at the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine aims to help preserve and stimulate awareness of the value of twentieth century health records and medical collections. It is concerned not only with the unpublished papers of medical-related scientists (although clearly these are of significance in the study of the developments in medicine this century) but also with the evidence of everyday health care and the work of the less eminent in the profession, such as the clinical and administrative records of general practitioners. A start has been made to build up a series of Registers of information on the whereabouts of collections and the Hospital Records Register is the most comprehensive survey available on their records. In some cases the Centre will recommend the deposit of papers in a local record office, University Archive or another appropriate institution. A number of important collections have however been placed in the Archive at the Wellcome Institute, which already has extensive manuscript collections and a unique library of the history of medicine.

The Archivist will be pleased to hear of any collections of items of potential historical interest, either as information to be included in our Registers or if advice is sought about their present and future preservation. Further details and a leaflet may be obtained from Miss Julia Sheppard, Contemporary Medical Archives Centre, Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, 183 Euston Road, London NW1 2BP.

Biological Nomenclature and Classification applied to Information Retrieval

A lively well-attended two day meeting was held by the Group at the British Museum (Natural History) London, in November 1980. Time was devoted to the scientific aspects of systematics of plants, including cultivated ones, animals, bacteria and viruses, numbers of taxons and possible synonyms and an historical perspective on the work of Linnaeus. Sources used to decide names and arrangements for classification schemes were given and the problems involved in keeping classifications up to date in both libraries and the secondary services – BIOSIS, CAB and MeSH – were discussed. Schemes were compared and examples of their application to individual libraries and in the construction of specialised information schemes and thesauri were outlined. The meeting ended with small discussion groups who each reported the points they covered. The papers and discussion are scheduled for publication in *Aslib Proceedings* in April 1981.

Agricultural information and Euronet

This afternoon meeting held on 8 July, 1980 at the Science Reference Library, Bayswater Division, resulted from an earlier EEC course held in Cologne in December, 1979 entitled 'Pilot Course for Euronet Users in the Agricultural Sector and Related Fields', most of the presenters of the July event having attended the previous meeting.

An introductory talk was given by Peter Hoey which detailed the previous course and then discussed the various databases now available through DIANE hosts: AGRIS, AGREP, CAB, FSTA and mentioned some not yet available from this source e.g. AGRICOLA. The major part of the meeting was spent in seeing online displays of AGRIS by Susan Johnston (MAFF), and the CAB services by Mark Furneaux (CAB). Information and displays were presented on GENBANK and ZEBS by Peter Hoey and Derek Singer (MAFF), Euronet by Jackie Deunette (Online Information Centre), inventories of research projects by Norman Briggs (NIRD), FSTA by Derek Singer and Sarah Hones (MAFF), and AGRICOLA by Beryl Leigh (SRL).

ALIN

The *Agricultural Libraries Information Notes* (ALIN) is a monthly publication directed primarily at a US audience providing a channel of communication to technical information specialists, librarians, extension workers, researchers, and scientists on agricultural information activities. Besides individual articles it lists new bibliographies held by the National Agriculture Library and a number of bibliographies produced in computer searches undertaken by the Technical Information System of the NAL for customers (which can be obtained from TIS). It also details new publications, agricultural translations, relevant new US legislation and forthcoming meetings and conferences. It is available free of charge to librarians and information specialists outside the USA if they make a request on official letterhead stationery of their organization and give some reason why they should receive it on a regular basis, as distribution abroad is limited. Those interested should write to ALIN, US Department of Agriculture, Science and Education Administration, Office of the Administrator, Technical Information Systems, National Agricultural Library Building, Beltsville, Maryland 20705, USA.

Agra Europe viewdata service

Agra Europe has announced a new information service to complement their existing ones. This is an online service accessed through Prestel to provide marketing information on the agriculture industry in Europe. It gives, for example, EEC trading amounts and other market news such as crop forecasts, a Glossary of Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) terms, currency conversion rates and up-to-the-hour reporting from Brussels, Luxembourg and Strasbourg. The database is available to subscribers in the USA, Australia, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Sweden and West Germany through Prestel International. More details and a free demonstration in the customer's office can be obtained from The Director, Agra Europe Viewdata Service, Agroup House, 16 Lonsdale Gardens, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1PD. Tel: Tunbridge Wells (0892) 33813.

CAB translation panel

The CAB have recently set up a translation service run by CAB staff who, as well as having considerable expertise in their particular area of study, also have linguistic qualifications. Prices are determined for each piece of work done and usually fall within the range of £20.00 to £35.00 per thousand words of original text. At present European languages are covered including some Scandinavian and Slavonic languages and the service will probably extend to Arabic, Chinese and Japanese. For further details please contact Sarah Cooper, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

New publications

Chemical Toxicology Searching – a guide to sources. The AIOPI/UKOLUG Toxicology Information Working Party has completed a revised version of an annotated list of sources for chemical toxicology information. This is a document of over forty pages, covering printed reference sources, abstracting journals, and online databases and data banks; and also some guidelines to searching. If anyone would like a free copy, they should contact: David Bawden, Pfizer Central Research, Sandwich, Kent, CT13 9NJ.

The BIOSIS Information System: a Self-Teaching Outline. A new twenty-page booklet is available, free of charge from the BIOSIS official representative in the UK: Thompson Henry Ltd, London Road, Sunningdale, Berkshire, SL5 0EP. (Tel. 0990 24615).

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AEBIG News

Aslib Economic and Business Information Group

Please send all contributions for this section to: Paul Neville, Industrial Affairs Specialist, BBC, Broadcasting House, Room 2, 1 Duchess Street, London W1A 1AA. Tel: 01 580 4468 ex. 4398.

Meetings

Our first seminar designed specially for assistants as an introduction to business information was a success both in content and number of participants. The event will be repeated next year.

Similarly successful was the joint AEBIG/LAIG session 'North of Watford: availability and exploitation of business information' at the Sheffield ASLIB/IIS/LA joint conference.

The first evening meeting of the session was, in fact, oversubscribed. More than a hundred people filled the hall of the Institute of Actuaries in Staple Inn for an address by Lord Kearton followed by wine and cheese. The degree of support for the launch of a city information group was clearly demonstrated. Discussions continue on the form this might take and the scope of future activities. Suggestions would be welcomed by the steering group and may be sent to Paul Neville at the address at the head of this column.

AEBIG Membership Directory

Supplies of the Directory were quickly exhausted and it has now been reprinted. Copies, containing over 350 entries indexed by organisation, individual contact, subject and location, can be obtained from Nigel Oxbrow, Alan Armstrong and Associates, Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London, NW1. Tel. 01-262 5050 Ext 422. Please note that this is not sold by Aslib Publications and all enquiries should be directed to Nigel Oxbrow.

Warwick Statistics Service

The commercial information service offered by the University of Warwick-based Warwick Statistics Service continues to expand and a new Information Officer, Jenny Munro, has recently joined them from ICI Petrochemicals Division.

Warwick Statistics Service has one of the largest collections of international statistics in the UK as well as having access to the University Library's substantial holdings of other material of interest to the commercial and industrial community. The post of Information Officer was created with the support of the Department of Industry to enable the service to place these considerable resources at the disposal of business planners throughout the country and a growing range of information services is now available. Recent additions to the basic enquiry and alerting services have been the introduction of a regular monthly newsletter, the provision of desk research reports, on-line computer facilities, and the publication of the first of an occasional series, a highly topical statistical and marketing review of Zimbabwe.

For further details contact Warwick Statistics Service, University of Warwick Library, Coventry, CV4 7 AL. Tel: Coventry (0203) 62530.

Publications

Responsibility for *EuroInsight* — the monthly EEC monitoring service — has been taken over by Metra Consulting from the originators PPR. The changeover from an individually tailored service to a general document has reduced the price from £600 to £110 per year. The bulletin records monthly developments in EEC matters concisely and under consistent headings in an attempt to come to terms with the complexity of community output. Further information from P. J. T. Gorle, Metra Consulting Group Ltd., St Mary's House, 42 Vicarage Crescent, London, SW11 3LD. Tel: 01-223 7634.

The Unit for Retail Planning Information has announced a series of Shopping Centre Profiles. These are designed to provide the information necessary to assess retail business potential in a given town centre. The price is around £200 per town but the service is flexible to include additional or more detailed information on particular topics or areas with an updating service also available. Contact The Unit for Retail Planning Information Ltd. 26 Queen Victoria Street, Reading, RG1 1TG. Tel: (0734) 588183.

Two books on Small Businesses. *The small business casebook* by Sue Birley, Institute of Small Business, London Business School, is described as the first purpose-built collection of classroom tested small business cases concerned with real-life management problems in a wide range of UK manufacturing and service industries. Priced at £7.80 in paper or £11.00 hardback. *Small Businesses* is the LA Public Libraries Group Readers Guide No. 16 compiled by Richard Hindson. Available at £1.00. All prices include postage and packing from: Hindson and Partners, Star House, 14 West Street, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3QP. Tel: (0308) 56842.

January sales

Business International wish to dispose of two collections of Swiss documentation from 1970–80. *Feuille Federale* is a weekly record of Assembly debates whilst *Recueil des lois federales* records Swiss federal law. Befitting its subject the material is somewhat mountainous and would have to be collected from Hammersmith. Also available are *International Who's Who* 1979–80 and *The Middle East and North Africa* 1979–80 (Europa).
Enquiries to John Dickson, Assistant Librarian, BI UK Ltd, Banda House, Cambridge Grove, London, W6 0LN. Tel: 01-741 4661.

The British Institute of Management Library offers the following:

Brickers International Directory 1979	£2.50
CUYB Directory of software 1977 (2 copies)	£2
Engineering Employers' Federation Directory 1979	—
UK Trade names 1977	£5
Europa Yearbook 1979 (vol. 1)	£2
Association of Certified Accountants, List of Members 1977/78	—
North West England Industrial Classified Directory, 1979	—
Commonwealth Universities Yearbook 1979 (2 copies)	£5
British Qualifications 1977	£2
British Qualifications 1978	£2.50
Kelly's Manufacturers Directory 79–80	£5
Retail Directory 1980	£5
City Directory 1978–79	£2
Yrbk of Adult Education 79–80	£1
Graduate Employment and Training 1979–80	£1
Business Equipment Guide Apr 79	£1.50
Business Equipment Guide Oct 78	£1
Careers 78	£1
Computing Services Association Directory of Members and Services	£3
Directory of Opportunities for Graduates 80	£3
Kompass (Holland) 1 & 2 79/80	£10
International Who's Who 79/80	£5
Annual Careers Guide 1978	£1

Near offers may be accepted but books must be collected or postage paid. Enquiries to Sue Wilkie, Assistant Librarian, BIM, Management House, Parker Street, London, WC2B 5PT. Tel: 01-405 3456 Ext. 121.

Ashridge Management College also has a quantity of books and management texts for disposal. These are available for the cost of postage only. For a list of those on offer contact Sylvia Webb, College Librarian, Ashridge Management College, Berkhamsted, Herts. HP4 1NS. Tel: (044 284) 3491.

Bibliographies

In response to the entry in *Aslib Information* July 1974, and further to the lists given in recent issues, we have received and inspected the following bibliographies. Photocopies of these bibliographies can be supplied by Aslib at the prices indicated. Orders should be addressed to the Head of the Information Division at Aslib. All orders must be **PRE-PAID.**

Bibl—1443
House of Commons Library Research Division.
Employment Bill (Bill 97, 1979–80). 1980. 53 pages. £5.60.

Bibl—1444
Institute of Chartered Accountants. Library.
Accounting standards: Library reading list. 1980. 6 pages. £0.90.

Bibl—1445
Institute of Chartered Accountants. Library.
Segment reporting: Library reading list. 1980. 3 pages. £0.60.

A copy of the following Background Paper has been received from the House of Commons Library. Although this is not a bibliography we thought that the information, which it contains, would be of interest. Copies are available as above.

Bibl—1446
House of Commons Library Research Division.
Control of the money supply. 1980. 26 pages.
Background Paper. No. 83. £3.00.

The following bibliographies are available direct from the issuing organizations. **PLEASE GIVE FULL DETAILS WHEN ORDERING** — the Bibliography number alone is not sufficient to enable the publishing organization to identify the item.

Bibl—1447
Building Services Research and Information Association.
Disease from air conditioning. 1979. 26 refs. Bibliography LB 3/79. £1.00 with order.
Available from: Building Services Research and Information Association, Old Bracknell Lane, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 4AH.

Bibl—1448
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Determination of organic and inorganic carbon in soil 1966–1976. 1978. 72 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA 1947. U.K. £3.50. Overseas £4.20.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts. AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1449
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils
Determination of soil respiration 1957–1977. (Revision of No. S1216). 1978. 56 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA 1949. U.K. £3.50. Overseas £4.20.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts. AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1450
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Nodulation and nitrogen fixation by legumes 1967–1976. 1978. 619 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA 1948. U.K. £7.50. Overseas £9.00.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts. AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1451
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Shrinking, swelling, subsidence, heaving, and cracking in soils 1969–1977. (Supplement to S1407R). 1978. 57 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA 1950. U.K. £3.50. Overseas £4.20.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts. AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1452
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Soils formed on shale 1956–1974. (Revision of No. S1048). 1978. 46 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA 1946. U.K. £3.00. Overseas £3.60.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts. AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1453
Department of Employment. Work Research Unit.
New technology: employee attitudes. Work Research Unit Bibliography No. 22. 1979. 4 pages.
Available from: Work Research Unit, Department of Employment, Steel House, 11 Tothill Street, London SW1H 9LN.

Bibl—1454
Department of Employment. Work Research Unit.
New technology: general effects of. Work Research Unit Bibliography No. 18, 1979. 5 pages.
Available from: Work Research Unit, Department of Employment, Steel House, 11 Tothill Street, London SW1H 9LN.

Bibl—1455
Department of Employment. Work Research Unit.
New technology: job content effects. Work Research Unit Bibliography No. 20. 1979. 2 pages.
Available from: Work Research Unit, Department of Employment, Steel House, 11 Tothill Street, London SW1H 9LN.

Bibl—1456
Department of Employment. Work Research Unit.
New technology: occupational effects. Work Research Unit Bibliography No. 19. 1979. 5 pages.
Available from: Work Research Unit, Department of Employment, Steel House, 11 Tothill Street, London SW1H 9LN.

Bibl—1457
Department of Employment. Work Research Unit.
New technology: work organisation effects. Work Research Unit Bibliography No. 21. 1979. 3 pages.
Available from: Work Research Unit, Department of Employment, Steel House, 11 Tothill Street, London SW1H 9LN.

Bibl—1458
Department of Environment and Transport.
Inner Cities: a select list of supplementary references. 1979. 216 refs. Bibliography No. 194. Supplement No. 3.
Available from: The Library, Department of the Environment and Department of Transport, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB.

Bibl—1459
Departments of Environment and Transport.
Toxic metals in the environment. Second Edition. 1979. 165 refs. Bibliography No. 148D. £0.45 + postage.
Available from: The Library, Department of the Environment and Department of Transport, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB.

Bibl—1460
International Bee Research Association.
Bee forage in specific regions of the Tropics. 1980. 245 refs. Satellite Bibliography S/34 to Bibliography of Tropical Apiculture part 15. £5.00 (£3.50 to IBRA Members and individuals in developing countries).
Available from: IBRA, Hill House, Gerrards Cross, Bucks. SL9 0NR.

Bibl—1461
International Bee Research Association.
Beekeeping and bee research in Argentina. 1980. 94 refs. Satellite Bibliography S/31 to Bibliography of Tropical Apiculture part 6. £3.00 (£2.00 to IBRA Members and individuals in developing countries).
Available from: IBRA, Hill House, Gerrards Cross, Bucks. SL9 0NR.

Bibl—1462
International Bee Research Association.
Beekeeping and bee research in Egypt. 1980. 139 refs. Satellite Bibliography S/25 to Bibliography of Tropical Apiculture part 1. £3.00 (£2.00 to IBRA Members and individuals in developing countries).
Available from: IBRA, Hill House, Gerrards Cross, Bucks. SL9 0NR.

Bibl—1463
International Bee Research Association.
Beekeeping and bee research in India. 1980. 357 refs. Satellite Bibliography S/28 to Bibliography of Tropical Apiculture part 3. £5.00 (£3.50 to IBRA Members and individuals in developing countries).
Available from: IBRA, Hill House, Gerrards Cross, Bucks. SL9 0NR.

Bibl—1464
International Bee Research Association.
Descriptions of pollen grains of further tropical plants. 1980. 109 refs. Satellite Bibliography S/37 to Bibliography of Tropical Apiculture part 21. £3.00 (£2.00 to IBRA Members and individuals in developing countries).
Available from: IBRA, Hill House, Gerrards Cross, Bucks. SL9 0NR.

Bibl—1465
Victorian Railways Library.
Armature winding manufacture for electric motors in railway workshops. 1979. 75 refs. Literature Search No. 80-02.
Available from: Victorian Railways Library, 67 Spencer Street, Melbourne 3000, Victoria, Australia.

Bibl—1466
Victorian Railways Library.
Monitoring passenger train delays. 1979. 76 refs. Literature Search No. 79-16.
Available from: Victorian Railways Library, 67 Spencer Street, Melbourne 3000, Victoria, Australia.

Bibl—1467
Victorian Railways Library.
Recent articles on BASIC. 1979. 45 refs. Literature Search No. 79-15.
Available from: Victorian Railways Library, 67 Spencer Street, Melbourne 3000, Victoria, Australia.

News

EVENTS

Eusidic Annual Conference 1981

The Eusidic Annual Conference will be held in Berne, Switzerland from 12 to 15 October 1981. The theme of the conference will be 'The Online Universe: an examination of all the methods of retrieving information from all types of interactive terminals'. Further information will be available from the Chairman of the Conference Committee, Mr H. Collier, Learned Information Ltd., Besselsleigh Road, Abingdon, Oxford, England.

Information Technology and People

The Institute of Information Scientists (IIS) is organizing a three day course to be held at the City of London Polytechnic on 11–13 March 1981 entitled 'Information Technology and People'. The college is equipped with word processors, microcomputers etc, and course lectures will be drawn from the staff of the college, and from Government, industry and the professions. The course will be suitable for managers and administrators; it will provide a non-technical overview of current and possible developments. The emphasis will be on practical applications of Information Technology and its social, organizational and political consequences.

The course fee will be £250. For further information contact: Ms Sheila Moorcroft, European Information Centre, SRI International, NLA Tower, 12th floor, 12/16 Addiscombe Road, Croydon CR0 0XT.

Patents from scratch

This is a two day course on basic patent information, organized jointly by the Patent and Trade Mark Searchers' Group and the UK Online User Group of the Institute of Information Scientists, which will be held on 8–9 April, 1981 at the Learned Information Office, Oxford Street, London.

The first day will comprise an introduction to patents and their use as sources of information, followed by demonstrations on the manual searching of the patent literature. The second day will be devoted to online: how to get started, and how to search the online patent files. Again there will be practical demonstrations. The cost will be £35 for 2 days, or £20 for 1 day (members); £40 for 2 days, or £25 for 1 day (non-members). Further information may be obtained from: Mr P. Ellis, Dept. Information Services, Kodak Limited, Headstone Drive, Harrow, Middx. HA1 4TY. Tel: 01-427 4380 Ext. 57.

Society of Indexers

Evening meetings will be held as follows:

Tuesday 20 January	*Patent classification and information retrieval.* Andrew M. Bayer (Patent Office).
Tuesday 10 February	*The Fiction Index.* Mrs M. E. Hicken (*Editor, The Fiction Index*).
Thursday 5 March	*Churchill College Archives Centre.* Marion Stewart (Archivist, Churchill College).

All meetings will be held at Library Association Headquarters, 7 Ridgmount Street, London, WC1E 7AE, at 5.30 for 6 pm.

Library Administrators Development Program

The College of Library and Information Services, University of Maryland, is planning the fifteenth annual Library Administrators Development Program to be held on 3–15 May, 1981. Dr John Rizzo, Professor of Management at Western Michigan University, will serve as the Director. As in the past fourteen summers, participants will include senior administrative personnel of large library systems from North America and abroad. Seminar sessions will concentrate on the principal administrative issues which senior managers encounter.

The two-week resident program will again be held at the University of Maryland's Donaldson Brown Center, Port Deposit, Maryland. Further information from: Mrs Effie T. Knight, Administrative Assistant, Library Administrators Development Program, College of Library and Information Services, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, 20742, USA.

Resource sharing

'Resource Sharing – its Impact on Serials' is the theme of the UK Serials Group's Annual Conference to be held at Manchester University from 30 March to 2 April 1981, price approximately £70.00. Papers will include: Aspects of resource sharing Government libraries, informal resource sharing, local cooperation, the impact on publishing, gift and exchange schemes, developments in networks and shared cataloguing, cooperative acquisitions, interlibrary loans, resource sharing developments overseas. The conference will also include a lengthy 'review' of recent developments in serials generally. A trade exhibition is planned and potential exhibitors are invited to write for further information.

Full details from: Mr David Woodworth, School of Librarianship, Loughborough Technical College, Radmoor, Loughborough, Leics, LE11 3BT. Tel: 0509 215831.

Art History book fair

The fair will be held on 4 April, 1981 at the Bloomsbury Centre Hotel, Russell Square, London WC1 from 10.00 am to 7.00 pm and will exhibit a considerably extended international range of books, periodicals and visual material. A composite stand organized by the Educational Publishers Council and the University College and Professional Division of the Publishers Association will feature books suitable for use in schools, colleges and universities.

For further information including booking forms please contact: Pamela Courtney, 42 Lancaster Park, Richmond TW10 6AD. Tel: 01-948 4041.

NOTES

7th Euronet User Forum, Luxembourg, September 1980

A report was given on recent developments which included the following news items:

A project to investigate ways of marketing the European databases in the US has been funded under the name of the BRIDGE proposal. The European Patent office are discussing a contract with INPADOC to make the EPO information available online. Further work is being carried out by Alan Negus to co-ordinate Common Command Language implementations. The Forum were informed that the hosts were not in favour of common billing or common passwords. The Zurich connection to Euronet commenced on 1 November 1980. The enhancement of Euronet which gives a fourfold increase in the number of ports is now virtually completed.

Dr G. Anderla outlined the way in which he believes the information industry will develop in Europe over the next few years. He anticipated a rationalization of the existing structure of a large number of small information companies. He also believed that the use of online information systems would spread from the information community to the professional in his own arena. He believed that changes in the systems to make them usable by unskilled users were the next major development.

News was given by Mr C. Vernimb of some EEC initiatives on the technology side. A contract for agriculture on Videotex has been offered by the Commission. Also a number of responses have been received from companies who are prepared to demonstrate document delivery services to the

Commission in December with the hopes that trials can be mounted in 1981 in conjunction with ESA.

The Commission announced the purchase of the Systran translation package which will allow the ordering of bibliographic references in more than one language. The translation pairs which are available at the moment are French to English, English to French, and English to Italian. The Commission are also supporting a longer term project, Eurotra, for machine translation.

Details were also given of the plans for training by the Euronet Diane launch team. The team are planning three modules; a module describing online information retrieval in general and the scope of online databases, a review of the facilities and information on Euronet Diane, and a course on database structure and query formulation for more experienced users.

The launch team wish to co-operate with training organizations in different countries to exchange training aids and ideas and possibly mount joint courses.

British Library: change of address

The British Library Board Office and the Press and Public Relations Office moved to Sheraton Street in early November. From 1 November, 1980 the official address is 2 Sheraton Street, London W1V 4 BH. The telephone number remains the same (01-636 1544). Other departments which moved into the same building in November are: Office of the Director General Bibliographic Services Division, BLAISE Marketing, BLAISE Training, Bibliographic Services Division Subscriptions and the office of the *British Catalogue of Music.*

CAS ONLINE

Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) now offers online searches of chemical substance information in its Chemical Registry System through a new service called CAS ONLINE which began on 1 November. The service marks the first time CAS itself has offered online access to its computer files.

CAS ONLINE began operation in November on a file containing structure records for almost two million substances. Through CAS ONLINE searchers will be able to identify substances within the file which share particular structural characteristics. This ability, called substructure search, is useful in research and development as a means of locating substances that may share desired properties or activities.

The initial file represents essentially all substances cited in the literature since 1977. More than 6000 newly registered substances will be added weekly and substances registered prior to 1977 will be added to the file gradually throughout 1981.

Passwords for using the system will be released only after at least one staff member of an organization has completed a CAS workshop on the use of the service. The cost of this workshop is included in the $250 start-up fee for the service. CAS will train additional staff members in the use of the service for $200 each.

For additional information on CAS ONLINE, write or call CAS Customer Service, P.O. Box 3012, Columbus, Ohio, USA. Tel: (614) 421-6940.

Science Reference Library

Due to termination of the lease there, the Science Reference Library will have to leave its accommodation in Porchester Gardens during 1981. Arrangements are being made to transfer the services to the Library's building at 9–13 Kean Street, London WC2B 4AT (off Drury Lane, close to the Aldwych). When the move is complete, those abstracting journals, recent issues of periodicals and books now at Bayswater will be available at Aldwych. Access to this material will be improved since the design of the building allows a more compact arrangement of stock than was possible at Bayswater. However, some bound volumes of earlier periodicals will have to be brought on request from an outhouse store, but they plan a rapid delivery service. Thus for the life sciences and other subjects now at Bayswater, Aldwych (Kean Street) will be the reading room with its own computer search, photocopy and enquiry services.

HMSO on Prestel

HMSO has launched its new information service on Prestel, British Telecom's Viewdata system. Initially, the service will consist of a selection of the important items from HMSO's *Daily List of Government Publications,* available some twenty-four hours before the printed copies of the *Daily List.* The selections will be kept up for five working days on a 'rolling' basis. HMSO is working towards having the full *Daily List* available on Prestel at an early date. Any special announcements about HMSO's publishing and distribution services will also be transmitted via Prestel.

Further information is available from: Lewis Foreman, Head of Bibliographical Services, Her Majesty's Stationery Office, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1P 1BN. Tel: 583-9876 ext. 6136.

Books in English

The British Library has announced that from 1981 the bibliography *Books in English* will be issued in a 1 : 42 reduction microfiche format instead of the present 1 : 150 reduction ultrafiche format. This change makes it uniform with the other Computer Output Microform (COM) products issued by the Library's Bibliographic Services Division.

Books in English is a cumulative listing of UK-MARC records created by the British Library and LC-MARC records of English language books created by the United States Library of Congress. Issued since 1970 in ultrafiche microreproduction format it has become increasingly complex and expensive to process. The change to the 1 : 42 reduction microfiche format enables library staff and users to consult *Books in English* on reading equipment more widely found and likely to be more familiar.

There will be no change in the present pattern of publication (cumulations every two months, with a final annual cumulation) and – since production costs are lower in the new format – the subscription rates for 1981 will be maintained at £155 + VAT (inland) and £185 (overseas).

PUBLICATIONS

European Community Grants

Euroinformation Limited have recently published *A guide to European Community grants and loans 1980,* which has been compiled for commerce, industry, local authorities and academic and research institutions, all of whom can benefit from European Community funds.

A background description of each fund is given, followed by an explanation of the purposes for which aid can be given and the criteria which govern eligibility. Methods of applying for funds, timing etc. are given individually for each fund. Examples of successful applications and analyses of the use made of the funds are also given wherever possible. Priced at £9.50 per copy including postage, the guide is available from Euroinformation Limited, 20 Caldecote Road, Ickwell, Near Biggleswade, Bedfordshire SG18 9EH.

Correction

The publication date of the *Transliterated dictionary of the Russian language,* reviewed in the October issue of *Aslib Information,* is 1979 and not 1970 as previously printed.

Reviews

Cumulative microform reviews, 1972–1976. Microform Review Inc. London: Mansell, 1978, 619p.
ISBN 0 7201 0897 7.

This volume reprints the micropublications reviews published in the journal *Microform Review,* during the years 1972–1976 (vols 1–5). After a brief comment on the contents, the value of each item as a microfilm publication is assessed. A microformat evaluation section covers format, quantity, film type, reduction ratio, film polarity, safety base film, resolution test chart, external and internal finding aids, sequence, project editors, hard copy available, selected parts available, replacement policy, time payments available, registered in *National Register of Microform Masters,* additional remarks. The table of contents is also the 'subject index' to the reviews, in that they are listed in alphabetical order under broad subject headings. There is also a title index. It is claimed that this volume will remain valuable for many years since micropublications rarely, if ever, go out of print (although addresses and prices may change). Future volumes will be published every 5 years and will contain cumulative indexes.

Who's who of British engineers 1980. London: Simon Brothers, 1980. 352p. £17.50. ISBN 0 86229 000 7.

The fifth edition of this reference book has now been published. The arrangement of the main section is alphabetical by name of engineer, as in the previous edition, with each main entry giving details of current post, past appointments, publications, professional interests and address. The preface indicates that inclusion in the directory was by publishers' invitation but the basis on which invitations were issued and the number of refusals are not clear. The total number of entries is somewhat fewer than in the earlier edition. A quick check against the personnel listed in *Research in British Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges,* vol. 1 1979 shows a considerable number of leading academic engineers to be missing from the Who's Who. Engineers from both local government and industry are included together with consultants. However as there is no organizational approach to the publication there is no easy way of checking the coverage of the industrial and commercial organizations.

Once again this edition includes a section giving brief details of the aims of a number of professional institutions concerned with the various branches of engineering and a list of abbreviations used by engineering institutions in Great Britain and Overseas. The list of engineering and allied publications, which was included in the fourth edition, has been excluded from the new edition. A copy of the publication is held in the Information Services Department and is available for reference at Aslib.

Essays of an Information Scientist, volume 3 1977–1978. Eugene Garfield, with a foreword by Derek J. de Solla Price. Philadelphia: ISI Press, 1980. 892p. ISBN 0 89495 009 6.

The previous two volumes of this series won the American Society for Information Science award for the best information science book of 1977.

This third volume is a compilation of essays written between 1977–1978, and previously published in *Current Contents,* under the title 'Current Comments'. The essays cover such diverse subjects as scientific research, librarianship, information science, business, bureaucracy, politics and friendship.

The volume contains the indices to all three volumes, which include a cited-author index, an extensive subject index, list of essay titles and a subject index to the various illustrations contained in the essays. The index to 'authors in most-cited lists' enables the reader to determine whether a specific author is included in one or more of the 'most cited' lists contained in some of the essays.

Government publications: their role in the national program for library and information services. Bernard M. Fry. Washington: National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, 1978. 128p.

This volume reviews the current status of American government publications. The six sections cover government publications, printing and publishing responsibilities of the government, Federal depository system: implications for change, special requirements of state and local government publications, the role of private enterprise in publishing and providing access to documents, and lastly the proposed national centre for government publications. The report discusses the recommendations that the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science should undertake a study into public access of government publications and information, and that Federal research and planning is essential to the development of a national system for public access to government publications. The appendix provides alternative structure for the Federal Depository Library Program.

Information retrieval systems: characteristics, testing and evaluation. 2nd ed. F. Wilfrid Lancaster. New York: Wiley, 1979. 381p. ISBN 0 471 04673 6 (Information Sciences Series)

The first edition of this volume received the 'Best Book in Information Science' award from the American Society for Information Science. In this second edition, Lancaster has expanded and rewritten the text to provide even broader coverage for teaching information storage and retrieval in schools of library and information science. The volume covers such areas of information retrieval as the 'intellectual' aspects of systems and services, and examines factors such as user-system interaction, search strategy, indexing and vocabulary control that affect the performance of all types of information services. The emphasis is placed on the design and evaluation aspects of systems. The impact of machine-readable databases and on-line systems is discussed, with reference to present and future developments. Appendices provide examples of an interview guide used in the evaluation of AGRIS, and the questionnaire used in the evaluation of a current awareness publication, and outlines the conclusions and recommendations from the AGRIS evaluation. There is an extensive bibliography on the subject, and the volume is well indexed.

The United Kingdom Patent System: a brief history with bibliography. Neil Davenport. Havant: Kenneth Mason, 1979. 136p. £7.95. ISBN 085937 1573.

This volume reviews the development of the United Kingdom patent system from its beginning, about 400 years ago, to present day. It outlines the evolution and main features of British patent law and practice. There are 13 useful tables of information concerning patent procedures, including information about fees. The bibliography is divided into 5 main sections: statutes and rules, law reports and digests, official publications, books on patent law and practice and selected books on inventions, history and exploitation. The volume also has a useful index.

Scholarly Publishers' Guide: Financial and Legal Aspects. J. Collins. Leicester: Primary Communications Research Centre, 1979. 142p. ISBN 0 906083 08 7. (BLR&D Report 5485).

This is the second in a series of *Scholarly Publishers' Guides* projected at the small to medium-sized learned society whose publishing is not carried out by full-time professionals. These societies are exemplified here by the fictitious Anon and Synon Societies, small and large, artistic and scientific respectively, with very different financial structures. Part 1 deals specifically with the legal aspects of publishing: copyright, contractual dealings, legal deposit, while in Part 2 the view broadens into general legal matter affecting every aspect of the society. The main concern here is the consideration of charitable status. Part 3 again presents a wide though detailed view of general financial planning and control, giving illustrations of suitable formats for statements, whereas Part 4 reverts to the specific domain of scholarly publishing, and discusses pricing strategies. There is an additional section covering VAT, followed by appendices, a bibliography and index.

By making specific recommendations and providing practical demonstrations, the guide succeeds in clarifying and rationalizing the complex area of financial and legal considerations which faces learned societies and indeed any organization which publishes its own journal or monographs, among which of course many Aslib members may be comprised.

Directory of Art Libraries and Visual Resource collections in North America. Compiled for the Art Libraries Society of

North America, by Judith A. Hoffberg and Stanley W. Hess. New York: Neal-Schuman Publishers, 1978. 297p. £24.00. ISBN 0 918212 057.

This directory has about 1300 listings representing libraries, museums, art galleries, art schools, colleges and universities throughout the United States of America and Canada. Also included with the directory is an addendum, containing 114 entries not included in the main directory. Both the sections on art libraries and visual resource collections are organized alphabetically by state or province, and then by institution. A code is given for each institution, the prefix being AR for art libraries and VR for visual resource collections, and then a unique number for each institution. All indexes refer to these codes rather than page numbers.

The entries are clearly laid out and they include, in both sections of the directory, the name of the institution, address and telephone number, hours of services and services provided. The information concerning services is very detailed, and in both cases, special collections are outlined. The directory of art libraries is indexed, and 500 categories of special collections are given, while in the case of visual resource collections, the emphasis is on the art form. The visual resources collection is indexed in three forms, by special collection, subscription services and institution.

Applying the new copyright law: a guide for educators and librarians by Jerome K. Miller. Chicago, Illinois: American Library Association, 1979. 144p. ISBN 0 8389 0287 1.

A brief history of copyright is followed by an explanation of fair use, library photocopying, obtaining permission, and securing copyright protection in the 1976 U.S. Copyright Revision Act. The author is a librarian writing to libraries and educational establishments. The book is intended therefore as a guideline rather than a legal authority. The new act extends the rights of copyright owners and their protection to the author's life plus 50 years, fair use is defined with special photocopying and duplicating provisions for schools, libraries and archives. There are also special exemptions for the blind and deaf. Appendices cover guidelines further to the act.

Health sciences information in Canada; libraries 1979. Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information. Ottawa: the Institute, 1979. 192p. $11.00.

This volume is the result of a survey organized by the Health Sciences Resource Centre of the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information. The bilingual English/French entries are grouped by province, and within that are listed in alphabetical order by the institution name. The entries, which are well laid out, include the name, address and telephone numbers of the organization, name of person in charge, services offered to external users, the language of service, collection size and subject speciality. The index has references by subject, institution name and library name.

Picture librarianship. Hilary Evans. London: Bingley, 1980. 136p. £4.50. ISBN 0 85157 294 4 (Outlines of modern librarianship).

Another useful volume in the Outlines of modern librarianship series, which shows how unique professional picture librarianship is. The first chapter deals with the nature and function of the picture library, and lists the various types of picture libraries. Various methods of acquisition are covered in the following chapter. Chapter 3 deals with the care and maintenance of pictures and also photographs, negatives, transparencies, prints and engravings. In the following chapter, access and retrieval of pictures is dealt with, and includes suggestions about both open-access and closed access systems. Classification and cataloguing of pictures is very different from book classification, and suggestions for possible organization are given in the fifth chapter. Lending, copying and charging for services are considered in the following two chapters. The question of copyright and its effect on picture libraries is discussed. The concluding chapter deals with the administration of picture libraries, including the qualifications, qualities and training needed for picture librarianship. Working conditions, paperwork, exhibitions, publications and public relations are also considered. The appendix lists organizations connected with art and there is also a section on further reading which lists British publications on the subject.

PEOPLE

American Society for Information Science

Ruth L. Tighe has been elected President-elect of the American Society for Information Science (ASIS). She is a Research Associate at the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS), Washington, D.C., where for four years she has coordinated and monitored several NCLIS programs, including the White House Conference on Library and Information Services held in November 1979. Ms Tighe will begin her one-year term as ASIS President in October 1981.

CITECH

Mr A. E. Cawkell will be leaving The Institute of Scientific Information at the end of the year to form a new Company — Cawkell Information & Technology Services Ltd (CITECH).

One of the first products of CITECH, which will also undertake consultancy work, will be a new kind of review publication covering information technology. For further information call: (0895) 52704.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Cranfield International Conference

The 8th Cranfield International Conference on Mechanized Information Transfer will be held at Cranfield Institute of Technology, near Bedford, England from Tuesday, 21 July to Friday, 24 July 1981. In the Conference the assessment of new developments and the results of recent research will be combined with special consideration of the barriers to information transfer and ways of overcoming the economic, technical, legal, political or other difficulties.

The Conference will again be organized by INSPEC, the Information Division of the Institute of Electrical Engineers and will follow the highly-successful format and arrangements of the previous conferences. The founder of the Cranfield Conferences, Cyril Cleverdon, will again be Joint Conference Director.

A number of speakers are being invited to present papers but submitted papers will as usual form the main element of the Conference, and further details may be obtained from the Joint Directors, Cyril Cleverdon and Tom Aitchison, at INSPEC, Institution of Electrical Engineers, Station House, Nightingale Road, Hitchin, Herts SG5 1RJ. Tel: 0462-53331, Telex 825962.

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Meeting

ASLIB EVENING MEETING

Wednesday, 28 January 1981
17.30
(tea 17.00)

Aslib,
3 Belgrave Square,
London SW1

ETHICS AND THE INFORMATION PROFESSION

Speaker: R. C. Usherwood, Sheffield Postgraduate School of Librarianship & Information Science

Chairman: Colin Offor, Head, Marketing and Information Service, Industrial & Commercial Finance Corp, Solihull

The LA code of ethics was published as a Green Paper this autumn. Its implications extend beyond the confines of the library to the information profession as a whole and in describing its conclusions Bob Usherwood, who chaired the working party that drafted the code, will discuss these and suggest some of the underlying attitudes that shaped the provisions it contains. Colin Offor, who was Aslib's observer on the LA working party, will chair the meeting, which is an opportunity both to study the code and its impact on Aslib members and to open up wide ranging discussion on the subject.

If you wish to attend please complete and return the application form in this issue by 23 January.

FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF BUSINESS INFORMATION

a course presented with the assistance of the Aslib Economics and Business Information Group

2–5 February 1981

at Aslib Headquarters

Aims and objectives of the course:
The course is intended for professional staff in business libraries or information departments, those who are being prepared for promotion and for qualified professional staff new to financial information. It will widen and deepen their knowledge and understanding of both sources of information and of the subject. Students should preferably have attended the Aslib course on Business Information or have equivalent knowledge of the subject.

Fee: Whole course: £125 (£100 to members of Aslib)
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Bookings: Places are limited to 25. Members are advised to make provisional bookings by telephone as soon as possible after receiving this programme.

SYNOPSIS OF INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS

Format of the course:
The course consists of four linked sessions to be held on succeeding days. Bookings will be taken for individual sessions, but priority will be given to students attending the whole course.

2 February Session I

INTRODUCTION TO FINANCIAL INFORMATION

3 February Session II

COMPANY INFORMATION

4 February Session III

STATISTICS FOR BUSINESS AND FINANCE

5 February Session IV

COMPUTERISED FINANCIAL INFORMATION: FORECASTS AND ONLINE SERVICES

Cancellations: If a booking is cancelled earlier than a week before the beginning of the course the fee will be refunded less a deduction of £15.00 to cover Aslib's expenses. No refund will be made for later cancellations.

CLASSIFICATION AND INDEXING SYSTEMS

A course to be held at Aslib Headquarters
17–20 February 1981

Aims and Objectives: This course is designed to meet the needs of mature people who have come into special library or information departments from other fields of employment without professional training for such work. It is intended to enable them to understand the problems of indexing so that they can employ existing systems and evaluate their performance, and if necessary either adapt them or change to more suitable systems. It will also be of value to those faced with the choice of systems for a new department or organization.

Fee: £110 (£95 to members of Aslib). This includes all paper materials relating to the course, as well as morning coffee and afternoon tea, but *not* lunches.

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Day I	
10.00–12.30 hrs	Introduction: how retrieval languages are made and used.
14.00–17.00 hrs	Alphabetical subject catalogues and indexes (with practical work)
Day II	
09.45–12.30 hrs	General classification with special reference to the UDC (with practical work)
14.00–17.00 hrs	Advanced alphabetical indexing, with special reference to PRECIS (with practical demonstration)
Day III	
09.45–12.30 hrs	Post-coordinate systems: the mechanics and strategies of searches – indexing languages – the thesaurus.
14.00–17.00 hrs	Practical work on post-coordinate systems
Day IV	
09.45–12.30 hrs	Mechanized information retrieval
14.00–16.00 hrs	The choice and evaluation of systems – a symposium

Courses

INTRODUCTION TO LIBRARY AUTOMATION

a course for special librarians and information officers

5–6 March 1981

at Aslib Headquarters

This course is intended for information or special library personnel who wish to obtain a general understanding of the ways in which mechanisation can be applied to library routines and information retrieval. It is not intended, however, to equip students to embark on specific applications.

Fee: £55 (£40 to members of Aslib). This fee includes all papers, materials relating to the course, as well as morning coffee and afternoon tea, but *not* lunches.

Bookings: Places are limited to 30. Members are advised to make provisional bookings by telephone as soon as possible.

PROGRAMME:

Day I

Session 1: *The Computer*
(1) How the computer works &
(2) Principles of programming.

Session 2: *Systems Analysis.*

Session 3: *Organization of Data.*

Day II

Session 4: *Automated Library Systems*:
The modes of use; co-operatives and library networks; hardware and software considerations; systems design, the integrated approach; housekeeping operations; implementation of automated systems; special equipment; developments.

Cancellations: If a booking is cancelled earlier than a week before the beginning of the course, the fee will be refunded less a deduction of £15 to cover Aslib's expenses. No refund will be made for later cancellations.

COURSE ON THESAURUS CONSTRUCTION

9–11 March 1981

at Aslib Headquarters

Aims and Objectives: Libraries and information departments are increasingly turning to post-coordinate systems to give greater depth and flexibility to their indexing of highly specialized material, with or without the aid of mechanical or electronic aids. The construction of a thesaurus to control the indexing language is an essential part of most such systems. This course is aimed at senior librarians and information officers who have an unsatisfactory retrieval system and wish to employ or institute a thesaurus. It is designed to give students the knowledge necessary to construct a thesaurus suitable for their users' needs, or alternatively to evaluate existing thesauri, and possibly adapt them to meet their users' needs. It includes extensive practical exercises which will give students experience of the techniques involved.

Fee: £125 (£100 to members of Aslib). This includes morning coffee and afternoon tea each day but *not* lunch.

Bookings: Places are limited to 20. Members are advised to make provisional bookings by telephone as soon as possible after receiving this notice.

PROGRAMME:

DAY I

Session 1 Introduction to the thesaurus: what it is and what it is not – the distinction between grammar and meaning.

Session 2 The basic thesaural relationships.

Session 3 Practical exercise in thesaural relationships.

DAY II

Session 4 The display of thesauri – the different types available.

Session 5 The use and extension of existing thesauri.

Session 6 The evaluation, maintenance and updating of thesauri.

Session 7 Term collection etc.

Session 8 Discussion of students' problems.

Session 9 Briefing for practical exercise.

DAY III

Session 10 Practical exercise on the construction, use and testing of a thesaurus.

Cancellations: If a booking is cancelled earlier than a week before the beginning of the course, the fee will be refunded less a deduction of £15 to cover Aslib's expenses. No refund will be made for later cancellations.

SENIOR INTRODUCTORY COURSE TO SPECIAL LIBRARY AND INFORMATION WORK

6–10 April 1981

at Aslib Headquarters

Aims and Objectives: This course is intended for graduates, or people with similar qualifications entering special library and information work without previous experience. It is intended to introduce them to the basic principles governing the handling of information, and to give them a broader view of their work than can be obtained by working in a single information department or library.

Fee: £120 (£90 to members of Aslib). This includes morning coffee and afternoon tea but *not* lunch.

Bookings: Places are limited to 30. Bookings open when this notice is published. Members are advised to make provisional bookings by telephone as soon as possible after receiving this notice.

Note: Students will not normally be accepted for this course unless they have a degree or some similar qualification but *not* in librarianship or information science. Other students who wish to attend the course should consult the Education Officer before sending in the application form. Students should be in their first year of library or information work.

PROGRAMME:

DAY I
Systems and people. Selection and acquisition of published material. Loan procedures. The activities of the Aslib's Information Services Department.

DAY II
External sources of published information in science and technology. The information needs of business enterprises. Dissemination of information.

DAY III
Information retrieval – catalogues and indexes. Classification systems and retrieval characteristics of various systems.

DAY IV
Patents – a source of information. The foreign language barrier. Less conventional retrieval systems.

DAY V
Bibliography: Sources of published information for books and periodicals. Subject enquiries and literature searching.

Cancellations: If a booking is cancelled earlier than a week before the beginning of the course, the fee will be refunded, less a deduction of £15 to cover Aslib's expenses. No refund will be made for later cancellations.

COURSE ON BUSINESS INFORMATION

At Aslib Headquarters

27 April–1 May 1981

Aims and Objectives: This course is intended for staff who are engaged in handling business or commercial information and for librarians or information officers in other subjects who need to handle business information. It concentrates on sources of information in the major fields of company information, statistics, marketing intelligence, product information, and also includes some sessions on the techniques of information handling. Practical work will be included.

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Visits: This course includes a visit to the City Business Library in order to gain experience in using the full range of published material in commercial and company information, as well as a visit to the Aslib Information Services Department. Bibliographies and notes will be supplied to accompany lectures where appropriate.

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PROGRAMME:

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DAY II
Current information from newspapers and periodicals; the organization of press cuttings. Company information; main sources of published information, collections, interpretations, status enquiries and guides.

DAY III
Practical work at the City Business Library. Inquest and discussion of practical session. Directories and supplementary material.

DAY IV
Trade names and product information. Sources of information on legal matters. Balance sheet interpretation – practical session in analysis of company accounts.

DAY V
Marketing intelligence: survey of marketing intelligence and marketing research activities and techniques. External sources of business information.

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HANDLING PRODUCT INFORMATION

a one-day course for librarians, information officers, purchasing officers, design officers and others.

12 May 1981

at Aslib Headquarters

Aims and Objectives: This course is intended for those responsible for organizing collections of trade literature and providing product information, whether in libraries, information departments, purchasing departments or design departments. It aims at providing them with information on which they can come to decisions on the best ways of handling product information in their own organizations, and ensuring its maximum exploitation. As well as reviewing current practices and the services available the course will also consider possible future developments.

Fee: £45 (£30 to members of Aslib). This includes tea and coffee, but *not* lunch.

Bookings: Places are limited to 25. Bookings open when this notice is published. Members are advised to make provisional bookings by telephone as soon as possible after receiving this notice.

PROGRAMME:

09.30 hrs	Introduction – the importance of product information by Dr A. Barrett Engineering Sciences Data Unit
09.45 hrs	Building a trade literature collection by D.M. King Head, Industry and Commerce Section Science Reference Library
10.30 hrs	Break for coffee
10.45 hrs	Organising and indexing a collection by Jack Burkett Formerly School of Librarianship Ealing Technical College
12.30 hrs	Break for lunch
13.45 hrs	Product information problems, including package services by Dr R.A. Wall Deputy Librarian Loughborough University of Technology
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THE TECHNIQUES OF REFERENCE WORK

a one-day course on

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PROGRAMME

09.45hrs	Registration and Introduction
10.00 hrs	*Interviewing the enquirer* – Session I by Dennis Grogan, BA, FLA, College of Librarianship Wales, Aberystwyth
11.00 hrs	Break for coffee
11.15 hrs	*Interviewing the enquirer* – Session II by Mr Grogan
12.15 hrs	Break for lunch
13.15 hrs	*Bibliographical searching techniques* by Anthony Nicholls, BA, ALA, Deputy Librarian, Birmingham University Library
14.30 hrs	*Approaching outside sources* by Frances Tait, ALA, Subject Specialist: Natural Resources, BBC
15.30 hrs	Break for tea
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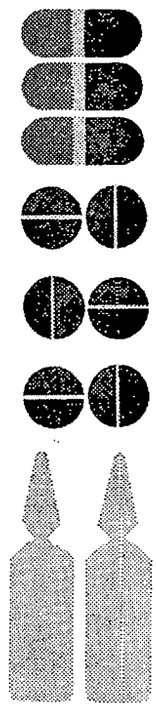

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Tel: 021 359 3611 ext 6342

*12 Thurs 14.00 — Engineering Group Visit: Royal College of Art Kensington Gore, London SW7
Contact: Janet Tomlinson, Librarian, Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London WC2R 0BL
Tel: 01 240 1871 ext 267

13 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group Meeting: Languages in Management by Nigel Holden
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib

17/20 Tue/Fri — Aslib Course: Classification and Indexing Systems
Aslib
Fee: £100; Aslib members £95
Details and application form in January issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

18 Wed 15.00 — Chemical Group Meeting and Visit: Imperial College Archives, London SW7
Contact: F. Tait, Subject Specialist Natural Resources, BBC, Broadcasting House, Room 3, 1 Duchess Street, London W1A 1AA

24/25 and 26 Mon/Tues Wed — Economic and Business Information Group Visit: Extel Statistical Services, London EC2
Contact: Maria Collins, Librarian, Department of Trade Statistics & Market Intelligence Library, Export House, 50 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7HV
Tel: 01 248 5757 ext 370

25 Wed — Aslib Midlands Branch Visits to Local Firms II:
4. TI Information and Patents
5. IMI (Kynoch) Ltd.
Contact: Mrs Victoria Kendall
Tel: 021 359 3611 ext 6342

25 Wed — Aslib Evening Meeting: Word processors in libraries/information departments, by J. B. Whitehead, Pilkington Brothers Limited
RINA, 10 Upper Belgrave Street, London SW1
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details with this issue
Note change of location

MARCH

5/6 Thurs/Fri — Aslib Course: Introduction to Library Automation
Aslib
Fee: £55; Aslib members £40
Details and application form in January issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

9/11 Mon/Wed — Aslib Course: Thesaurus Construction
Aslib
Fee: £125; Aslib members £100
Details and application form in January issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

11 Wed 13.30 — Economic and Business Information Group Visit: *The Manchester Guardian*, Manchester
Contact: Lindsay Churchill, Rolls-Royce Limited, Aero Division, PO Box 31, Derby DE2 8BJ

11 Wed — Aslib Midlands Branch with RSIS East Midlands Seminar: Applications of Computers in Libraries
Library, Loughborough University of Technology
Contact: Mrs Patricia Siddall
Tel: 021 235 4393

16 Mon — Promoting and publicising library and information services: a conference
Sudbury House Conference Hall, 15 Newgate Street, London EC1
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Programme and application form with January issue

17 Tues 15.00 16.00 and 16.30 — Informatics Group Meeting 'Thesaurus in the 80's' AGM and Sherry
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib

18 Wed 11.00 – 16.00 — Biological and Agricultural Sciences/East Midland Agricultural Information Group Visit: Meat and Livestock Commission Unit and Information Centre
Royal Agricultural Society's Showground, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire
Contact: S. Cramer, The Library, School of Agriculture, University of Nottingham, Sutton Bonnington, Loughborough LE12 5RD
Tel: Kegworth 2386

18 Wed — Aslib Evening Meeting: LASER and Prestel, by Miss J. M. Plaister, Director, LASER
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details in this issue

18/20 Wed/Fri — Aslib Course: Current Awareness and Technical Change
Aslib
Fee: £100; Aslib members £80
Details and application form in January issue of Aslib Information
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

25 Wed 18.30 for 19.00 — Aslib Midlands Branch AGM with Buffet Meal and Talk by David Green on Information at BBC
Midland Hotel, Birmingham
Contact: Mrs Ann Lawes,
Tel: 0452 28621 ext 225

27 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group Meeting: BBC Radio German Language Courses, by Rodney Mantle, BBC
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib

APRIL

2 Thurs 14.00 — Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group Annual General Meeting and Tour, displays and libraries
British Museum (Natural History), London SW7
Contact: Susan Childs, Basement flat 1A, 8 Palmeira Square, Hove, Sussex BN3 2DB

3/5 Fri/Sun — Electronics Group Twenty-third Annual Conference
Loughborough University of Technology, Loughborough, Leicestershire
Contact: S. Thornton, Main Library, Q4 Building, MOD (PE), Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, Hants GU14 6TD
Tel: 0252 24461 ext 2235

6/8 Mon/Wed — Information management and organizational change: a Conference
London Tara Hotel
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Programme and registration form with January issue

Calendar

6/10 Mon/Fri	Aslib Course: Senior Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work Aslib Fee: £120; Aslib members £90 Details and application form in January issue Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
7 Tues afternoon	Economic and Business Information Group Visit: Foreign and Commonwealth Office Library Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London SW1 Contact: Maria Collins, Librarian, Department of Trade Statistics & Market Intelligence Library, Export House, 50 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7HV Tel: 01 248 5757 ext 370
8 Wed 10.30 for 11.00	Economic and Business Information Group Seminar: Selling your library service Leeds City Museum Contact: Terry Hanstock, Commercial and Law Librarian, Sheffield Central Library, Surrey Street, Sheffield **Note change of date**
14/16 Tues/ Thurs	Transport and Planning Group Two-day Conference: Energy for the future of transport York University Contact: Barry Nuttall, Leeds Polytechnic Library, Brunswick Terrace, Leeds LS2 8BU Leaflet with January issue
27 April – 1 May Mon/Fri	Aslib Course: Business Information Aslib Fee: £120; Aslib members £90 Details and application form in January issue Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
*29 Wed 17.00 for 17.30	Aslib Evening Meeting Aslib Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib Details later

MAY

5 Tues 14.30	Economic and Business Information Group Visit: *Economist* Intelligence Unit 27 St James's Place, London SW1 Contact: Maria Collins, Librarian, Department of Trade Statistics & Market Intelligence Library, Export House, 50 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7HV Tel: 01 248 5757 ext 370
*7/8 Thurs/ Fri	Aslib Course: Inter-Library Loans: How to succeed Aslib Fee: £60 members only Details and application form in this issue Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
12 Tues	Aslib Course: Product Information Aslib Fee: £45; Aslib members £30 Details and application form in January issue Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
14 Thurs	Aslib Course: Techniques of Reference Work Aslib Fee: £45; Aslib members £30 Details and application form later Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
15 Fri 15.00	Technical Translation Group Meeting Aslib Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib Details later
19/22 Mon/Fri	Aslib Course: Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work Aslib Fee: £100; Aslib members £75 Details and application form later Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
*28/29 Thurs/Fri	Aslib Course: An Introduction to Universal Decimal Classification Aslib Fee: £55; Aslib members £40 Details and application form in this issue Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

JUNE

*4 Thurs	Current affairs information: a Conference CEGB Lecture Theatre, Sudbury House, 15 Newgate Street, London EC1 Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib Details later
4/5 Thurs/Fri	Aslib Course: Official Publications Aslib Fee: £80; Aslib members £65 Details and application form later Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
9 Tues 18.00	Aslib 14th Annual Lecture Royal Aeronautical Society 4 Hamilton Place, London W1 Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib Details later
15/17 Mon/Wed	Aslib Course: Information Management Aslib Fee: £100; Aslib members £80 Details and application form later Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
22/23 Mon/Tues	Aslib Course: Computer Produced Indexes Aslib Fee: £90; Aslib members £70 Details and application form later Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

JULY

15 Wed	Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group whole-day visit: ICI Plant Protection Division Jealott's Hill Research Station, Bracknell, Berks Contact: Susan Childs, Basement flat 1A, 8 Palmeira Square, Hove, Sussex BN3 2DB

SEPTEMBER

22/25 Tues/Fri	Aslib 54th Annual Conference: Information '81: forecasts and realities University of Oxford Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib Details later

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Aslib Activities

HEADQUARTERS

New Year Honours

Members will be pleased to know that Miss Dorothy Dawson, Librarian of RAPRA, has been awarded an MBE in the New Year Honours list. Miss Dawson was a member of the Aslib Council from 1964 to 1979 and one of the very few people to serve as Chairman of Council for three consecutive years (1976–79), at a somewhat critical time in Aslib's history. Congratulations Dorothy!

Promoting and Publicising Library and Information Services: a Conference

16 March 1981, CEGB Lecture Theatre, Sudbury House, 15 Newgate Street, London EC1

Whether we like it or not good service alone (the traditional recipe for success) may not always be enough. The library is not a privileged institution immune to the shifting demands and expectations of the population. It is but one among many institutions in the market place competing for patronage, and if through a misguided sense of its own importance it clings to a belief that the service speaks for itself, there is some danger that it may suffer by default.

The aim of this conference is to foster an awareness of the need actively to promote the library and information service in all sectors. The speakers – who include Blaise Cronin (Aslib), Horst Ernestus (Wuppertal City Library), Patsy Hutchinson (Sheffield City Polytechnic), Margaret Redfern (Polytechnic of North London), Linda Reynolds (Graphic Information Research Unit, Royal College of Art) and Robert C. Usherwood (Sheffield University) – will describe and illustrate techniques and ideas which are applicable in a wide variety of contexts.

A display of promotional material will be mounted in conjunction with the conference, and will provide an opportunity to study and assess an international selection of what might be viewed as good practice in this field.

The contact for further information and copies of the programme and registration form is The Conference Organizer, Aslib.

Information Management and Organizational Change: a Conference

6–8 April 1981, London Tara Hotel

Intended for a wide range of information managers and practitioners – as well as management in a more general sense – *Information management and organisational change* aims to be a response to the hardness of the times, seeing the various external factors – economic recession and technological change in particular – that are forcing changes on many organisations as an opportunity to develop information management into a more dynamic force in the operation of an organization. Speakers contributing to this include Alexis Lamy of Essochem (Europe), describing a unique survey mounted by his company checking and measuring the level of services offered and of the needs of their users, while patterns of information transfer, storage and retrieval in various types of organization revealed by recent research will be described by P. H. Vickers (Aslib) and Alan Gilchrist; the well-known consultant and journalist, Malcolm Peltu, will give a general overview of the technology and how it affects information handling; Dr D. G. Rowlands (Unilever Research) will explore the implications for management in adopting the new technology, while communications aspects, particularly within the organization, will be discussed by Dr Emma Bird of Urwick Nexos Limited. In the session on people and professional aspects, Dr Claus Suhr of BASF Aktiengesellschaft in Ludwigshafen and Dr Patricia Layzell Ward, Director of CLAIM, will talk about the training, qualifications and development of information managers; staffing levels and user populations will be examined by Margaret Slater of Aslib while the findings of recent research, also carried out at Aslib, on the impact of technology on manpower requirements in information work will be presented by Tony Wight.

Lord Kearton, Aslib's President, will open the programme with a keynote address and discussion workshops on the second evening will hopefully lead to some emerging ideas and directives for action in the restatement and synthesis in the final session.

The contact for further information and copies of the programme and registration form is The Conference Organizer, Aslib.

Aslib 54th Annual Conference: Information '81: forecasts and realities

22–25 September 1981, University of Oxford

Information '81: forecasts and realities is the title under which Aslib's 54th Annual Conference, to be held in Oxford 22–25 September, will try to identify topics that are of special interest and urgency in the second half of 1981 and to present up-to-the-minute statements of progress, developments and prospects in these fields.

A quick look is taken first at national information policies: has there been any progress since the Aslib/IIS/Library Association Joint Conference's massive onslaught on the national provision and use of information? What is happening in Western Europe (Professor Dr Peter Canisius, President of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Dokumentation, will report on this last). More than half a day will be devoted to the technology, and here we have already secured Professor T. T. Stonier (Department of Science and Society, University of Bradford: note his new book *Wealth of Information*) on the impact of cheap electronics in information and the electronic office; Robert Maxwell, who needs no introduction; Dr C. F. Tapper, a Fellow of Magdalen, on closed or open computerised information systems; Anthony Smith (did you see *Goodbye Gutenberg?*) on ethical problems posed by the development of technology. In a session provisionally entitled 'Talking points' Peter Leggate will report on matching user needs in health care; Dr Dennis Shaw will talk about serials control: linking the literature to the references and examining serials automation; while Dr D. G. Watson (Cambridge University Chemical Laboratory) will give an up-to-date review of how CODATA meets the needs of the scientific community. The programme will be further enhanced by sessions arranged by the Groups, timed to run parallel with the morning session and the afternoon visits on 24 September.

Wadham and New College, each in its way a magnificent and historic building, will house the delegates, while the sessions and exhibition will be held in the splendid new Zoology Department in South Parks Road. A reception in the Sheldonian Theatre is planned for one evening of the Conference, while Oxford itself and an exciting programme of visits offer a bewildering choice of delights. The programme and registration form will be published and distributed in March. Contact for all enquiries: the Conference Organizer, Aslib.

BIOLOGICAL AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES GROUP

Apart from events listed in the Calendar, ABASG has some interesting plans for 1981 and even looking ahead to 1982. A visit to the Royal Horticultural Society at Wisley is proposed for May. The Group's contribution to the 54th Annual Conference in Oxford will consist of a lecture on British Library supported research in agriculture, biology and medicine by Margaret O'Hare, British Library Research and Development Department, in the morning of 24 September and a visit in the afternoon of the same day to the Nature Conservancy Council library at Banbury. Details of these two events will

be included in the programme of the Annual Conference, to be published in March and available from the Conference Organizer, Aslib.

In November a one-day conference on agricultural and biological periodicals holdings is planned, while in 1982 visits are in view to the National Institute of Agricultural Engineering and the Forestry Commission Research Station at Alice Holt. It is hoped to hold the AGM in 1982 at the Zoological Society of London.

ENGINEERING GROUP

Visit to Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore, London SW7
12 February 1981, at 14.00 hours

The Engineering Group has arranged an afternoon visit to the following departments of the Royal College of Art.

1. Design Research which covers experiments in perception, learning, ergonomics and product evaluation.
2. School of Graphic Arts including the Graphics Information Course doing work on communication of information and typographical research.
3. School of Industrial Design where practical projects include designs for consumer products, transport, tools and apparatus required by industry and aids for development of resources and the environment.
4. Automotive Design Unit which is concerned with the bodywork, interiors and ergonomics of automobiles and commercial vehicles.

The visit is limited to 20 people. If you are interested contact Janet Tomlinson, Librarian, Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London, WC2R 0BL. Tel: 01 240 1871 ext 267.

INFORMATICS GROUP

Retrieval Package Fair

This is seen as a more ambitious project and likely to attract wider support than originally envisaged. It has therefore been decided to postpone the event from 16 March to allow for more detailed organization. Watch the Calendar for an announcement.

Informatics 6: The design of information systems for human beings

Informatics 6 will form part of the 1981 Aslib Annual Conference (to be held from 22–25 September in the University of Oxford) and will take place in the afternoon of Thursday, 24 September with an informal workshop in the afternoon of the following day.

It will consist of a keynote paper by Dr Margaret Boden, University of Sussex, plus four papers for which submissions are now invited. Papers, which should present the results of original research, preferably for the first time, should reflect the theme – that of the problems of designing or modifying systems to make them comprehensible to their intended users. Authors wishing to offer papers should submit a title and abstract to the Secretary of the Aslib Informatics Group (Mr J. McLelland, BSI, Maylands Avenue, Hemel Hempstead, Herts) before mid-March. The authors of papers accepted for presentation will be expected to submit a full text by 30 June as preprints will be available for sale before the sessions.

TRANSPORT AND PLANNING GROUP

Energy and the future of transport: a residential conference
14–16 April, 1981, University of York

Transport systems of the future will be determined largely by the availability of different forms of energy. This and the continuing need to manage and conserve resources will govern both policies and systems for transport. The conference will present and discuss current developments in transport and transport planning, and examine prospects for the future. The influence of energy on this will receive special attention. The programme of the conference, of interest to all those who need to know about energy and transport, those who plan and design systems and those who manage and supply information, was distributed to members of the Transport and Planning Group and the whole Aslib membership in January. The contact for further information and registration is Barry Nuttall, Leeds Polytechnic Library, Brunswick Terrace, Leeds LS2 8BU. Tel: 0532 463622.

ELECTRONICS GROUP NEWS

1981 Conference

The Twenty-Third Electronics Group Conference will take place on 3–5 April 1981 at Loughborough University of Technology, Leicestershire. Papers will be presented on 'Very Large Scale Integration', 'The Ideal Library', 'BSI Online' and 'Videodiscs'.

For further information contact: Steve Thornton, Main Library, Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, Hants. GU14 6TD. Tel: (0252) 24461 ext 2235.

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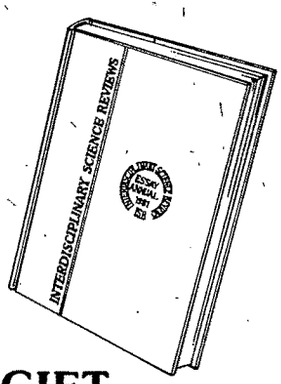

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Aslib Economic and Business Information Group

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Committee News

Sylvia Webb has kindly taken over as Secretary on the resignation of Christine Miskin. Our thanks and very best wishes go to Christine who has exchanged the world of legal information in London for motherhood in Sheffield. AEBIG may now be contacted through:— Sylvia Webb, College Librarian, Ashridge Management College, Berkhamstead, Herts., HP4 1NS. Tel: (044 284) 3491 ext 384.

Tessa Perry moved to a new job in December, leaving the National Enterprise Board for a Marketing Information post in Lloyds Bank. Tessa can be contacted at Lloyds Bank Ltd., Marketing Department, Faryners House, 25 Monument Street, London EC3R 8BQ.

New AEBIG Award

AEBIG is to present an annual award to the publisher of the new reference book judged to be of most value to the business information community. The first award will be for a title first published in 1980 and the prize will be presented at the AEBIG Annual Lunch in May.

Suggestions from members will be considered by a panel of experienced business librarians and the winning publication selected. It is hoped that the award will stimulate discussion between publishers and librarians and make publishers more aware of the kind of information required and the best method of presentation for that information to be of most use to our profession.

When considering nominations please bear in mind the following criteria: nominated titles must be new titles first published during 1980; directories, annuals or reference books of use to British libraries (foreign publications are allowed). Titles will be judged on the presentation of information; the value of the information from the user's viewpoint; the percentage of information that is not easily available elsewhere; the accuracy of the information and how up-to-date it is.

Nominations please by the *15 February*, to Nigel Oxbrow, Alan Armstrong and Associates Limited, London Business School, Sussex Place, London NW1. Telephone: 01 258 3740.

City Information Group

The City Group wine and cheese party in December attracted about 80 people to the Institute of Bankers. Details of future plans will be given in the next issue.

Bibliographies

In response to the entry in *Aslib Information* July 1974, and further to the lists given in recent issues, we have received and inspected the following bibliographies. Photocopies of these bibliographies can be supplied by Aslib at the prices indicated. Orders should be addressed to the Head of the Information Division at Aslib. All orders must be **PRE-PAID.**

Bibl—1468
House of Commons Library Research Division.
Gas-gathering pipeline (North Sea). 1980. 48 refs. £0.70.

Bibl—1469
House of Commons Library Research Division.
The Social Security (No. 2) Bill 1979/80 (Bill 180). 1980. 13 pages. £1.70.

Bibl—1470
Institute of Chartered Accountants. Library.
Ethics: Library reading list. 1978. 3 pages. £0.60.

The following bibliographies are available direct from the issuing organizations. **PLEASE GIVE FULL DETAILS WHEN ORDERING** — the Bibliography number alone is not sufficient to enable the publishing organization to identify the item.

Bibl—1471
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Adsorption of micro-organisms by soil (1926—1976). (Revision of No. S1100.) 1978. 26 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA 1943. U.K. £2.50. Overseas £3.00.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1472
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Determination of salts in soil (1965—1976). 1978. 43 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA 1942. U.K. £3.00. Overseas £3.60.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1473
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Soils on basic and ultrabasic rocks (basalt, serpentine etc.) (1968—1976). 1978. 91 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA 1944. U.K. £4.00. Overseas £4.80.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1474
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Soils on metamorphic rocks (1960—1976). 1978. 60 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA 1945. U.K. £3.50. Overseas £4.20.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1475
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Some references to soils and archaeology (1911—1976). 1978. 65 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA 1941. U.K. £3.50. Overseas £4.20.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1476
Departments of the Environment and Transport.
Lorries: a select list of material based on the DOE/DTp Library. 1979. 83 pages. Bibliography No. 17G. £2.05 + postage.
Available from: The Library, Department of the Environment and Department of Transport, Room C3/01, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB.

Bibl—1477
Departments of the Environment and Transport.
Town and country planning: a revised listing of material located in DOE/DTp Library. 1979. 328 refs. Bibliography No. 70. £1.40 + postage.
Available from: The Library, Department of the Environment and Department of Transport, Room C3/01, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB.

Bibl—1478
Departments of the Environment and Transport.
Town and country planning: sources of information on town and country planning. 1979. 64 pages. LIB/INF/6. £1.20 + postage.
Available from: The Library, Department of the Environment and Department of Transport, Room C3/01, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB.

Bibl—1479
Departments of the Environment and Transport.
Waste management research: a register of UK research projects. 1978. 44 pages. LIB/INF/33. £3.10.
Available from: The Library, Department of the Environment and Department of Transport, Room C3/01, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB.

Bibl—1480
International Bee Research Association.
Apis cerana: laboratory studies. 1980. 93 refs. Satellite Bibliography S/32 to Bibliography of Tropical Apiculture part 11. £3.00 (£2.00 to IBRA Members and individuals in developing countries.)
Available from: IBRA, Hill House, Gerrards Cross, Bucks SL9 0NR.

Bibl—1481
International Bee Research Association.
Bee diseases and pests in specific regions of the Tropics. 1980. 169 refs. Satellite Bibliography S/35 to Bibliography of Tropical Apiculture part 18. £5.00 (£3.50 to IBRA Members and individuals in developing countries.)
Available from: IBRA, Hill House, Gerrards Cross, Bucks SL9 0NR.

Bibl—1482
International Bee Research Association.
Bee pollination in specific regions of the tropics. 1980. 209 refs. Satellite Bibliography S/38 to Bibliography of Tropical Apiculture part 22. £5.00 (£3.50 to IBRA Members and individuals in developing countries.)
Available from: IBRA, Hill House, Gerrards Cross, Bucks SL9 0NR.

Bibl—1483
International Bee Research Association.
Beekeeping and bee research in Eastern Africa. 1980. 198 refs. Satellite Bibliography S/26 to Bibliography of Tropical Apiculture part 2. £5.00 (£3.50 to IBRA Members and individuals in developing countries.)
Available from: IBRA, Hill House, Gerrards Cross, Bucks SL9 0NR.

Bibl—1484
International Bee Research Association.
Beekeeping and bee research in Mexico. 1980. 81 refs. Satellite Bibliography S/29 to Bibliography of Tropical Apiculture part 5. £3.00 (£2.00 to IBRA Members and individuals in developing countries.)
Available from: IBRA, Hill House, Gerrards Cross, Bucks SL9 0NR.

Bibl—1485
Scottish Health Service Centre Library.
The nursing process. 1979. 125 refs. Library Bibliography No. 51.
Available from: Library, Scottish Health Service Centre, Crewe Road South, Edinburgh EH4 2LF.

Bibl—1486
Victorian Railways Library.
Avoidable and incremental costs and pricing in railways. 1979. 73 refs. Literature Search no. 79—21.
Available from: Victorian Railways Library, 67 Spencer Street, Melbourne 3000, Victoria, Australia.

Bibl—1487
Victorian Railway Library.
List of materials relating to building and construction laws and contracts. 1979. 59 refs. Literature Search no. 79—20.
Available from: Victorian Railways Library, 67 Spencer Street, Melbourne 3000, Victoria, Australia.

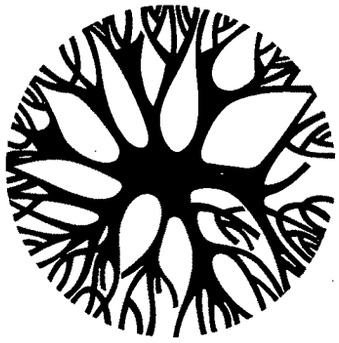
Bibl—1488
Victorian Railways Library.
Maintenance of overhead wiring. 1979. 35 refs. Literature Search no. 79—19.
Available from: Victorian Railways Library, 67 Spencer Street, Melbourne 3000, Victoria, Australia.

Bibl—1489
Victorian Railways Library.
Power braking. 1979. 27 refs. Literature Search no. 79—14.
Available from: Victorian Railways Library, 67 Spencer Street, Melbourne 3000, Victoria, Australia.

Bibl—1490
Victorian Railways Library.
Restoration of railway stations for modern operations. 1979. 92 refs. Literature Search no. 79—17.
Available from: Victorian Railways Library, 67 Spencer Street, Melbourne 3000, Victoria, Australia.

Bibl—1491
Victorian Railways Library.
Sources of information on trade names. 1979. 29 refs. Literature Search no. 79—18.
Available from: Victorian Railways Library, 67 Spencer Street, Melbourne 3000, Victoria, Australia.

Bibl—1492
Vulkan, G. and Gomersall, A.
Traffic noise: a review and bibliography on surface transportation noise 1964—1978. 1979. 1561 refs.
Available from: I.F.S. (Publications) Ltd, 39 High Street, Kempston, Bedford.



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Word Processing Workshop

The Aslib and Institute of Information Scientists' Northern Branches are jointly organizing a Word Processing Workshop to be held in Manchester in May 1981. The Workshop will last for 1½ days starting at 2 pm Wednesday, 13 May 1981 and continuing during the whole of Thursday, 14 May. The venue will be the offices of AES Data Limited at 1, Portland Street, Manchester (opposite Piccadilly Gardens).

Although aimed mainly at library and information personnel, the format of the Workshop will be largely based on similar Workshops successfully run by the National Reprographic Centre for documentation (NRCd) at Bayfordbury in Hertfordshire since 1979. The NRCd has kindly offered to put at the disposal of the organizing committee the experience and know-how gained over that period.

Experienced speakers, with a wide knowledge and operating experience of word processors and word processing systems, will discuss the systems and facilities available and demonstrations of stand-alone and shared logic systems will be given along with practical demonstrations of communications and Electronic Mail. 'Hands-on' facilities will be available for all participants.

To ensure that all participants are able to gain full benefit from the Workshop it has been decided to restrict numbers to a maximum of 25 people. It is recommended, therefore, that anyone interested should apply as soon as possible. The cost of the Workshop will be £45 per person, which will include refreshments and lunch on the second day. Further details and application forms can be obtained from Mrs A. Morgan, 10, Robert Moffat, High Legh, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 6PS.

PRECIS training course

A PRECIS training course will be held at the British Library, 2 Sheraton Street, London W1 on 30 March to 9 April 1981. It aims to give a thorough grounding in the techniques of indexing and reference construction in PRECIS. No prior knowledge is assumed. The course fee is £75 plus VAT and further information can be obtained from: Peter Dale, Bibliographic Systems and Standards Office, The British Library, Bibliographic Services Division, 2 Sheraton Street, London W1V 4BH. Tel: 636 1544 ext. 536/592.

Institute of Information Scientists Southern Branch

On Wednesday 4 February the Southern Branch of the Institute of Information Scientists will be holding the first of its programme of evening meetings. These are open to members and non-members of the Institute, and are intended to be sociable events where people can get together over a drink and a snack and where the focus of the evening is a talk. For this inaugural meeting Cyril Cleverdon, President of the Institute, will be giving his comments on current trends in information.

The venue is the Cardinal Pub, Francis Street, London SW1, near Victoria Station. Food will be served around 6.30, and a charge will be made to cover costs. Numbers will be needed for catering purposes, so those intending to come are asked to contact Ruth Finer, 11 Hillfield Road, London NW6 1QD, Tel: 01-794 7960.

ASIDIC meeting

In today's environment, the role that government plays in the information transfer process is becoming increasingly significant. The government is both a major producer and user of information in general and machine-readable databases in particular. Private organizations within the information industry see this growing prominence of government as direct competition to their own activities while government agencies consider their role as being no different than that of any other producer/user of information.

To provide a forum for discussion of this important and controversial topic, ASIDIC (the Association of Information and Dissemination Centers) has chosen as the theme of its spring meeting 'Government's Role in the Information Transfer Chain.' The meeting will be held at the Monteleone Hotel in New Orleans, on 29–31 March 1981. To obtain the preliminary meeting program and registration information contact: Jeanette Webb, Secretariat ASIDIC, P.O. Box 8105, Athens, GA 30603, USA. Tel: (404) 542-3106.

Economics of secondary information

A two-day seminar on the economics of secondary information will be conducted at the Atlanta Hilton on 28–29 May 1981, in Atlanta, Georgia, by the International Council of Scientific Unions Abstracting Board (ICSU AB). The arrangements are being made by the National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services (NFAIS) under contract to the ICSU AB.

The seminar sessions will have a two-part structure. Experts will first discuss a major component of basic economic theory, and then show where and how secondary informations fits. Session topics include commodity theory, international market forces and characteristics, international marketing, and price theory. To conclude the seminar, a panel has been invited to forecast the future of secondary information products and services.

Full program details and seminar speakers will be announced shortly. For registration information contact the National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services, 112 South 16th Street, 11th Flr., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102, USA. Tel: (215) 563-2406.

ASIS meeting

The American Society for Information Science (ASIS) will hold its 10th Mid-Year Meeting on the Fort Lewis College campus in Durango, Colorado, on 14–16 May 1981. The theme of the meeting is 'Using Information' and papers will discuss how information is used and how to make information useful.

Some of the topics to be addressed include user studies, decision-making, organizational change, government, education, economics, management, research, international relations, answers vs. referrals, access to information, delivery systems, and designing information systems for use.

For further information (including registration materials) on the 1981 ASIS Mid-Year Meeting, contact ASIS, 1010 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington, DC 20036 USA; Tel: 202/659-3644.

Data Entry seminar

A seminar entitled 'Data entry for library catalogues and information retrieval' will be held on 26 March 1981 at Manchester Polytechnic. The seminar is organized by the Aslib Computer Group and the IIS Word Processors for Information Handling Special Interest Group and the cost will be £30 for members and £35 for non-members. For further details and booking information contact: M. A. Hyman, Mike Hyman Information Systems Consultancy, 24 Comforts Farm Avenue, Hurst Green, Oxted, Surrey RH8 9DH. Tel: Oxted 5862.

GID colloquium

Heinz Marloth, Educational Adviser for the Gesellschaft für Information und Dokumentation will be presenting a paper on the education and training of librarians and information scientists in Great Britain at a forthcoming GID colloquium. This will take place on Wednesday 25 February 1981 at 14.00 hrs at the GID, Herriotstrasse 5, Frankfurt-am-Main. Further information is available from Heinz Marloth at the above address.

NOTES

House of Commons Library

The growing requirement for Members of Parliament and their staff to have instant access to up-to-date information on parliamentary papers and proceedings, UK and EEC legislation, current affairs, and other items of specific interest to Parliamentarians, has resulted in the introduction of a computerized information retrieval system in the House of Commons Library.

The computer system, known as POLIS – Parliamentary On-Line Information System – is the result of over ten years of careful planning and is provided as a computer bureau service for the House of Commons Library. The bureau service provided by Scicon Computer Services involves the siting initially of eight visual display terminals in the Palace of Westminster and in Norman Shaw Buildings near the Embankment. The terminals are linked via a sophisticated communications network to the Scicon bureau in Milton Keynes where a database (a computerized information retrieval system) of references to the House of Commons material is held on one of Scicon's large computers.

The database will consist of references to several groups of information. These groups include: parliamentary questions, parliamentary proceedings, parliamentary papers, legislation, UK official publications, EEC official publications, international or foreign official publications, press comment, and catalogued and miscellaneous library material.

Special Interest Group

A Special Interest Group (SIG) has recently been established by the Institute of Information Scientists, to cater for people who wish to or are employing word processors and microcomputers in information handling. Membership is open to both members and non-members of the Institute. Fees have provisionally been fixed at £3 and £5 respectively but these have still to be approved by Council.

A steering Committee is currently engaged in drawing up a programme of events and in the drafting of a suitable Constitution for the Group. Close liaison is being maintained with other organizations having similar interests – British Computer Society, Aslib and the British Library and the Library Association.

It is envisaged that meetings will be held in various parts of the country in accordance with the requirements of members. The Steering Committee will be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to make suggestions for activities to be included in the programme and/or willing to take a participative role at meetings.

For further information please contact the Hon. Secretary: Miss S. Street, CIBA-GEIGY P & A Company, Industrial Chemicals Division, Tenax Road, Trafford Park, Manchester M17 1WT.

Metals Information Group

The Metals Information Group is an association of the information departments of a number of leading organizations in the UK which are closely concerned with all aspects of metals production, processing and use. Members of the Group include large industrial concerns and Research and Development and similar organizations.

The Group aims to improve the services given by its members by promoting the interchange of information, and also to further generally the provision of effective metals information to UK industry. They have recently produced a directory which contains details of the information services provided by many of the members of the Group, and further information can be obtained from K. Preston, secretary, Metals Information Group, British Steel Corporation, Sheffield Laboratories, Swinden House, Moorgate, Rotherham S60 3AR. Tel: 0709 64901.

Council of Scholars

The Librarian of Congress, Daniel J. Boorstin, has announced the establishment of the Council of Scholars in the Library of Congress. These twenty-three distinguished scholars, representing a wide spectrum of academic fields and disciplines, affirm the Library's commitment to the circle of knowledge and to the relationship of libraries and scholarship.

The Council of Scholars will examine the state of knowledge in various disciplines and explore the extent to which the Library's collections effectively support active research in these areas. This inventory of knowledge will serve as a guide for scholars who wish to explore neglected areas as well as point to those subjects which have been more fully explored. Under its auspices, a symposium on creativity was held at the Library of Congress in cooperation with and with the support of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The Council of Scholars will be supported by private funding and membership will rotate on a two-year basis.

Loughborough University of Technology

On Friday 19 December Lord Pilkington, former Chancellor of the University, officially opened the University's new Pilkington Library. The Pilkington Library, a striking four level structure, houses both the University Library and the University's Department of Library and Information Studies. It is fully equipped with the most modern facilities including its own computer for stock control, loans and accessions, many specialist areas, study rooms and teaching rooms.

At the degree congregation on 19 December the Chancellor, Sir Arnold Hall, conferred the honorary degree of D. Litt. on Sir Harry Hookway, deputy chairman and chief executive of the British Library Board.

PUBLICATIONS

Reviews

American men and women of science: the physical and biological Sciences, 14th edition. 8 vols. Epping: Bowker, 1979 £278.00 per set, £37.00 per vol. ISBN 0 8352 1118 5

It is hoped that this enthusiastic, if some what tardy review of this important work, may bring the attention of librarians to this publication yet again following the publicity received at the time of its publication in December 1979.

It is not an easy publication to review; it is a classic in the biographical directory field, now in its 14th edition. Most potential users would be aware of its existence, and many may forgo purchase only because of the seemingly high price. The preface of the 8 volume set which comprises the 14th edition which costs £278.00 (the 13th edition published in February 1977 was £190), indicates that the work is to be compiled on a three year revision cycle so purchasers need not fear that this expensive tool will be superseded immediately.

Again there is an increase in the number of entries, up to 130,500 scientists in physical, biological, mathematical, engineering and computer sciences; and the criteria for their inclusion is fully described in the preface. The main entries are arranged alphabetically, and each entry includes full name, place and date of birth, degrees, membership of societies, research interests and a mailing address.

The final volume contains the discipline and geographic indexes. The categories of the discipline index have been reduced from 79 to 65 broad subject sections including engineering and technology, a category covered in this work for the first time in this edition. These subject sections have further subdivisions.

Each scientist can appear under a maximum of 2 subjects in the discipline index. The geographic index is arranged by country, with the USA further subdivided by state and town. This index is for use in tracing scientists' work locations and so those listed under the UK are not British, but are American scientists working in the UK. This directory is an important

one, and serves to expose a sad lack of a similar publication concerning the UK. Perhaps it would not be inappropriate to quote from a review (in *New Scientist* 6th January 1977, p. 28) of the 13th edition which expressed the hope that the Americans may consider extending their obvious skills to covering the UK. A working copy is available for reference in the Aslib Information Services Department.

Directory of Japanese Scientific Periodicals Tokyo: National Diet Library, 1979.

Japanese publications are often underused, for two major reasons, which are, problems in identification and locating the material, and the language barrier which raises the question, should we invest in a translation?

There is a new edition of *Directory of Japanese Scientific Periodicals,* a listing of 8901 titles of current periodicals, which will give assistance in dealing with the first of those problems. The main entries are classified according to UDC. Each entry includes the title, publisher, date of commencement, and frequency in both English and Japanese, and an indication of whether the publication contains English summaries of the articles. The index is all in Roman script and provides a guide to the useful information contained in the main entries.

The Information Services Department uses this tool extensively in its bibliographic verification activities, especially those in connection with the input to the Aslib Index to Unpublished Translations, and it would be available for reference to any interested prospective purchaser. Aslib can also offer assistance with the second of the problems raised, by informing its corporate members of a translation if one has already been made, or by recommending a suitable translator from the Aslib Index of Specialist Translators.

Higher Education Learning Programmes Information Service (HELPIS) Catalogue, 6th ed. London: British Universities Film Council, 1980. £8.50. ISBN 0 901299 26 X

The *Higher Education Learning Programmes Information Service* (HELPIS) *Catalogue* is subtitled *a catalogue of audio-visual materials intended for degree-level use produced in institutions of higher education in the United Kingdom.* This 6th edition lists 1523 such items, over 400 more than appear in the last edition, *HELPIS 5*. However this is in fact a slight decrease on previous editions, and is due partly to the stricter criteria for inclusion which the British Universities Film Council (BUFC), who publish the catalogue, now employ and partly to the effect of economic difficulties on universities and polytechnics.

Each entry in the catalogue is reproduced more or less as reported by the contributing institutions and neither the accuracy of the descriptions nor the quality or suitability of materials have been verified by the BUFC. Nevertheless, the entries are generally quite full and include both bibliographic and technical details of the material, together with, in some cases, suggestions for an intended audience.

Entries in *HELPIS 6* are arranged by the Universal Decimal Classification (UDC) Scheme and indexed by the PRECIS system. To aid the user an outline of the main divisions of UDC is given before the classified list of materials. Title and subject indexes follow this section. A list of distributors' addresses is also provided. However, it is useful to note that many of the items listed are available for preview at the Audio-Visual Reference Centre at the BUFC. Such items are indicated by a mark at the end of relevant entries.

Finally, appended to this publication are a listing, arranged under broad subject headings, of other catalogues of audio-visual resources, and a description of the BUFC, its activities and publications. The HELPIS Catalogue is available in both hardcopy and microfiche, and the BUFC is also considering making this catalogue information available through BLAISE, the automated information service of British Library's Bibliographic Services Division, possibly to the demise of the printed edition.

A hard copy edition of HELPIS 6 is held by the Information Services Department at Aslib and is available for reference upon request.

Voluntary Organizations. An NCVO Directory 1980/81. London: Bedford Square Press, 1980. 0 7199 10382

Announcing the 1980/81 edition of *Voluntary Social Services* which bears the new title *Voluntary Organizations.* Produced by the National Council for Voluntary Organizations, this new edition of the directory contains information on over 500 organisations each of which could be described as 'a self-governing body of people who have joined together voluntarily to take action for the betterment of the community.' Organizations which fit this description include voluntary organizations, charity and pressure groups. The entries are arranged alphabetically by name of the organization for easy reference. Each organization's entry gives its address, director's or secretary's name, date of foundation, summaries of objectives and activities and the title of its principal publications.

A new feature of the latest edition is a thematic index which categorises the interests and services of the organizations listed into broad sections such as community development, family and parental welfare. The compilers hope that this will enable the user to identify those organizations of interest to him easily and quickly.

Perhaps the main criterion for inclusion is that the organization must operate on a national basis and would therefore welcome enquiries from anywhere in the UK. Entries are not restricted to organizations that have charitable status.

The information is well presented and, with its alphabetical arrangement of entries and easy-to-use index, this directory should be indispensible for anybody who ever needs to trace a voluntary or charitable organization. A copy of this publication is available for reference in the Information Services Department at Aslib.

Successful conference and convention planning, by Robert H. Drain and Neil Oakley. Montreal and Toronto: McGraw-Hill Ryerson Limited, 1978, 205p, ISBN 0 07 082609 9

This book described itself as a step-by-step guide to conference and convention planning. It ranges over research, themes and purposes, management, delegate needs, budgets, exhibits and displays, speakers, sessions and awards, sponsorship, family requirements, printing, promotion and publicity, services, equipment and transport, accommodation, registration, professional assistance and media requirements. Aimed at meetings attracting 600 or fewer delegates, it assumes a massive structure of organising committees to which much of this advice is directed, so that it would be useful to the really large project as well as adaptable to smaller ones and individual organizers. Checklists for almost every imaginable operation are included and the pages are full of practical insights on cost control, operation of registration and design of forms, catering, creating lively sessions, to name only a few. Seeing the conference as a public relations — if not a direct selling — exercise, influences the language, but the contents are all invaluable material for anyone engaged with conferences or conventions.

New perspectives for reference services in academic libraries. Raymond G. McInnis, Westport, Greenwood Press, 1978, xxiv, 351p, figs, diagrs, appendices, index, bibliog. £15.85 (Contributions in librarianship and information science no. 23)

This work examines the problems and opportunities with which academic libraries are confronted when seeking closer working relationships with the research student. The problems presented — insufficient library faculty, eroded book budgets, inefficient library-orientation programs — are at times discouraging, yet these are compensated for by opportunities which point forward to the Academic library as 'a more dynamic instrument of learning' if wider, more efficient use is made of reference facilities by means of research guides and

programs, structured inquiries, and by greater involvement on behalf of the student's subject-tutor as an educator in library use.

Set firmly in the context of American academic libraries, and slanted towards reference work in the social sciences, this is an exhaustive work with a comprehensive bibliography, is the culmination of a decade and a half of research, and draws eruditely upon many previous works in the fields of library science, the history and philosophy of science, education and the social sciences.

Music and bibliography: essays in honour of Alec Hyatt King, edited by Oliver Neighbour. London: K. G. Saur/ Clive Bingley, 1980. 256p ISBN 0 85157 296 0 £16.00.

Alec King was for 32 years in charge of the printed music collection in the British Museum, was a past president of the International Association of Music Libraries and the Royal Musical Association, and cultivated a broad range of interests, some of which are represented here by essays on Mozart and Meyerbeer. The fifteen authors are friends and colleagues of Alec King, and their contributions centre upon the history and processes of music publishing; the literature of music; collections and collectors; and music bibliography and librarianship, the essays arranged in loose chronological order from the Baroque to the present day, and varying in tone from Alan Tyson's erudite 'The origins of Mozart's Hunt Quartet K458' to Brian Redfern's down-to-earth and valuable chapter on 'Problems in teaching the bibliography of music'. For librarians, the essays of prime interest will be the latter, together with Barry Brook's investigation of the music library thematic catalogue, a necessary tool if the legacy of the musical past is to be properly available to modern research.

Interlibrary loan practice in the University of London: a report. University of London Library Resources Co-ordinating Committee, Standing Advisory Panel on Interlibrary Loans. London: SAPILL, 1979. Part 1: Text, 19p. Part 2: Appendices and summaries of responses, 32p.

When SAPILL was established in 1977 it soon discovered a wide diversity of practice among the London University libraries regarding interlending, that there was little information about this practice and that the level of inter-lending within the University was low. These discoveries prompted this report. Part 1, after a brief historical résumé of the national interlending scene, describes the survey, which was carried out in March 1978 by means of a questionnaire circulated to 64 libraries, to which 63 responded. The findings are analysed in depth, facts interspersed with illuminating comments from the librarians concerned. Among the recommendations are an 'exchange of experience' seminar, training programmes in bibliographical sources, an investigation into charging, and a comparison of the relative costs of supplying material on inter-library loan or referring the reader to another library. Part 2 contains the questionnaire and all the relevant statistics, including the grades of those involved with inter-library loans. This report will interest all university librarians involved in inter-library lending via BLLD or within a particular university.

New media survey: a decision-maker's guide to the communication explosion, Bengt-Arne Vedin. London: Nord Media Ltd, 1978. 99p £20.00 ISBN 0 08 024063 1

This book describes itself as a sightseeing tour of the post-industrial information society and the new electronic media which create this society. Twenty chapters introduce computer networks, home computers, teletext and viewdata, satellite communication, video games, discs and cassettes, holograms optical fibres, microforms, electronic mail, facsimile transmission and teleconferencing, discussing each topic in terms comprehensible to the layman. The expert will learn nothing new here about his speciality, as this book is for the uninitiated reader who will gain a brief acquaintance with the universe of electronic media, and be led to discover particular areas of interest in more specialized publications. Potential 'sightseers' will be primarily from the information, media and communications industries. The survey has an easy, journalistic style, is international in scope contains many startling facts and forecasts (video-libraries in 1984) raises issues of privacy and the 'leisure society', and above all poses many questions: why should we travel? go to school? use paper? use money? and so on. Terms used such as 'the wired city', 'the computer peace corps' or 'warehouses of information' may sound futuristic but Vedin reveals that they are already far from being fantasy.

James Hartley *ed. The psychology of written communication.* London: Kogan Page, 1980. 301p. ISBN 0 89397 081 6. £12.00.

A collection of reprinted papers sketching a brief review of the following aspects of written communication (1) theoretical aspects of reading and writing; (2) development of writing skills; (3) presentation of information; (4) new publishing techniques including microforms, teletext and view data, word processing and the Electronic Information Exchange System; (5) technical writing including the role of referees. Each subject is reviewed by the author together with additional references.

Indexing the art of: a guide to the indexing of books and periodicals. G. Norman Knight. London: Allen & Unwin, 1979. 218p. ISBN 0 04 029002 6.

The 13 chapters of this volume cover the mechanics of indexing headings and sub-headings, proper name headings, subject headings, references and cross references, alphabetical arrangement, indexing of periodicals and newspapers, cumulative indexing, editing the index, correction of proofs, which includes proof correction symbols, and humour in indexing. The appendices provide useful information on the Society of Indexers, the American Society of Indexers, Australian Society of Indexers, Indexing and Abstracting Society of Canada, Wheatley Medal and Carey Award. The volume obviously is very well indexed! (index completed by Anthony Raven after the author's death).

Reference books for small and medium-sized libraries. 3rd ed, Edited by Larry Earl Bone. Chicago: American Library Association, 1979, 197p, ISBN 0 8389 3227 4.

The 3rd edition of this work is a complete revision of the 1969 and 1973 editions. There are 1,048 entries in the edition, compared with 770 in the 2nd edition. Most of the material included is American. Out of print titles are not included, and the cut off date for inclusion is the end of 1977. The first 2 chapters deal with selection aids for reference material, bibliographies and general sources. The following 19 chapters cover most major subject areas, and the form of the entries is standard: author, title, editor, publisher, date, paging, price and annotation. For serial publications the initial date and frequency of publication are generally given. There is an integrated title/author index; and this had to be consulted for the location of particular items.

Funding alternatives for libraries. Edited by Patricia Senn Brevik and E. Burr Gibson. Chicago: American Library Association, 1979. 174p. ISBN 0 8389 0273 1.

This volume provides guidelines for alternative funding for libraries, and covers financial problems and some solutions, planning for fund raising, public relations, publicity, fund raising programmes, case statements, direct mail solicitation, lobbying, foundation funding, and fund raising for university libraries. The effect on fund raising of operating within a parent institution is discussed. The last chapter provides case studies for fund raising at Portland Public Library, Oakland University and the Lincoln Center. There is a short selected annotated bibliography, which like the volume is American orientated.

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Classification Scheme for Literature on Film and Television

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This scheme is designed specifically for use in the documentation collections of the member archives of the International Federation of Film Archives (FIAF). It is already, before publication, applied in four major libraries, those of the Nederlands Filmmuseum (Amsterdam), the Australian Film Institute, Filmoteca Nacional de Espana (Madrid) and the television collection of the Dansk Filmmuseum (Copenhagen).

In order to facilitate international acceptance, the scheme depends considerably on the UDC, and the use of the Abridged English Edition of the UDC is considered essential to its successful application.

The scheme is given in two versions running parallel, a full version on the right hand page and the abridgement facing it on the left hand page throughout.

The volume contains a selection of practical examples of the use of the scheme giving, where they differ, suggested numbers from both full and abridged versions.

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ASLIB EVENING MEETING

Wednesday, 25 February 1981
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RINA,
10 Upper Belgrave Street,
London SW1

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A charge of 40p will be made at the door to cover the cost of tea and biscuits

WORD PROCESSORS AND INFORMATION HANDLING

Speaker: John Whitehead,
Pilkington Brothers Limited

The speaker will briefly describe the way word processors developed and mention the different systems now available on the market including stand-alone units, linked systems and micro- and mini-computer based software systems. The emphasis of the talk will be on the way these systems can be used for library and information applications.

John Whitehead, who is the Group Technical Communications Manager at Pilkington Brothers Limited, has spent some years working with word processing systems, particularly in relation to their use in library and information work. He presented a paper on the subject at the 7th Cranfield Conference on Mechanized Information Transfer in 1979 and he is also a visiting lecturer at the NRCd Word Processing Workshop held at the Hatfield Polytechnic.

He is Chairman of the IIS Special Interest Group on Word Processors for Information Handling; a member of the BCS Word Processing and Office Automation Specialist Group, Northern Branch, and is a member of the organizing committee preparing a joint ASLIB/IIS/NRCd Word Processing Workshop in Manchester next May. At Pilkington he is a member of an Office Technology Committee responsible for the Group-wide monitoring of all new developments in this area and advising on implementation. Mr Whitehead's relevant papers include 'Developments in word processing systems and their application to information needs' Aslib Proceedings 32 (3) March 1980, 118–133; 'Word processing: an introduction and appraisal' (Progress in Documentation Series), Journal of Documentation, December 1980, and 'Minicomputers and available packages', Proceedings of the Joint BCS/IIS Conference on Minis, Micros and Available Packages, National Computing Centre, Manchester, November 1980.

If you wish to attend, please complete and return the application form in this issue by 20 February.

ASLIB EVENING MEETING

Wednesday, 18 March 1981
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(Tea 5.00)

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LASER AND PRESTEL

Speaker: Miss J. M. Plaister, Director of the London and South Eastern Library Region (LASER)

LASER's involvement in Prestel arises from its commitment to improve library and information facilities available to the public by the promotion of co-operation.

It has assumed the role of Information Provider for its own members and for other public bodies inputting material onto the Prestel database.

In parallel with this activity, LASER is undertaking a Prestel research project with a grant from the British Library Research and Development Department. As part of this project 36 Prestel sets provided by money from the Department of Industry are being monitored to assess the impact of Prestel. What will be the potential of Prestel? How will this television information service affect traditional reference and information services? Will librarians and information workers use Prestel as a vehicle for the promotion of information? These are some of the questions the BL/LASER project are trying to answer.

If you wish to attend, please complete and return the application form in this issue by 13 March.

CURRENT AWARENESS AND TECHNICAL CHANGE

a course on the Dissemination of Information

18–20 March 1981

at Aslib Headquarters

Aims and objectives: Recent developments in data processing and the equipment available have made this an area in which are likely to be considerable changes in traditional practices. The availability of microprocessors and word processors, and progress towards the idea of the paperless office point towards a future in which bulletins and SDI services as we have known them will cease to exist. But the needs which these services are intended to meet will still have to be catered for, and information officers and librarians will want to know how best to use the new technology in order to supply the information needed by their users.

This course will give information officers and librarians an appreciation of the ways in which the new technology can be exploited to meet the needs of their users for the timely dissemination of information.

Fee: £100 (£80 to members of Aslib). This includes morning coffee and afternoon tea each day, but *not* lunch.

Bookings: Places are limited to 25. Members are advised to make provisional bookings by telephone as soon as possible.

PROGRAMME:

DAY I

Syndicate Exercises I. The impact of the new technology on current awareness service.

DAY II

An introduction to the new technology. Total information systems design. The small information unit. Internally versus externally created dissemination tools. Reproduction processes used in dissemination.

DAY III

Organization of current-awareness services. Evaluation of systems. Syndicate Exercise II. Visit to G.L.C. Research Library.

The course is intended for people in managerial positions in information departments or libraries, and its aim is to give them an appreciation of the possible effects of the availability of new technology on the provision of services for the dissemination of information.

Cancellations: If a booking is cancelled earlier than a week before the beginning of the course, the fee will be refunded, less a deduction of £15 to cover Aslib's expenses.
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INTER-LIBRARY LOANS: HOW TO SUCCEED

7–8 May 1981

at Aslib Headquarters

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The course, designed by members of Aslib Information Services Department experienced in handling inter-library loans, is intended for those people dealing with inter-library loans who already achieve a high success rate using the BLLD. Detailed lectures on the BLLD will not be given, but attention will be paid to ways of improving success rate with the BLLD and also to ways of obtaining material not held at BLLD.

Persons attending this course should be those responsible for the day-to-day handling of inter-library loans in their organization, which should be registered user of BLLD.

Emphasis will be placed on problems encountered, and a large proportion of the course will consist of practical sessions. Participants are also invited to bring their own examples with them.

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PROGRAMME

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14.00 hrs	Registration
14.15 hrs	*Introduction*
15.00 hrs	Break for tea
15.15 hrs to 17.00 hrs	*Journals* (including practical session)

DAY II

09.30 hrs	*Less conventional literature sources*
11.00 hrs	Break for coffee
11.15 hrs	*Books and conference proceedings* (including practical session)
13.00 hrs	Break for lunch
14.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs	*Locating and speculative searching*

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AN INTRODUCTION TO THE UNIVERSAL DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION

A two-day course for beginners by

A. G. Brown, B.A., Dip.Lib., A.I.Inf.Sc.
School of Library, Archive and Information Studies,
University College London

28–29 May 1981

at Aslib Headquarters

The Universal Decimal Classification is still one of the most widely used classifications in special libraries and information departments in this country in spite of the development and popularity of newer methods of information retrieval. It has even proved itself suitable for use on computer systems. But as with all retrieval systems, the quality of a UDC index is dependent on the work of the people entrusted with its construction. The classification is very flexible, but successful use depends on a proper understanding of the underlying principles, and a grasp of the consequences of adopting various strategies in applying it.

This course is intended for people using or intending to use the classification, and with no formal training in classification or indexing; it aims to give them sufficient understanding of the classification to use it with confidence and consistency to produce a workmanlike catalogue or index.

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PROGRAMME

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09.30 hrs	The basic elements of classification and subject indexing The nature of classification schemes
12.30 hrs	Break for lunch
14.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs	The development, editions and revision methods of the UDC The structure of the UDC as an indexing language — analytical features

DAY II

09.30 hrs	Citation order and provisions for synthesis in the UDC The classified catalogue using UDC
12.30 hrs	Break for lunch
14.15 hrs to 16.30 hrs	*Practical Session* A number of practical exercises in classification by UDC will be set, worked through and discussed in class

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Ainslie Dewe
with Mary Ann Colyer

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Enquiries have been compiled from publicity material and questionnaires provided by the service organizations. Prices are quoted to give an indication of level.

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Edited by PETER J. TAYLOR, Aslib

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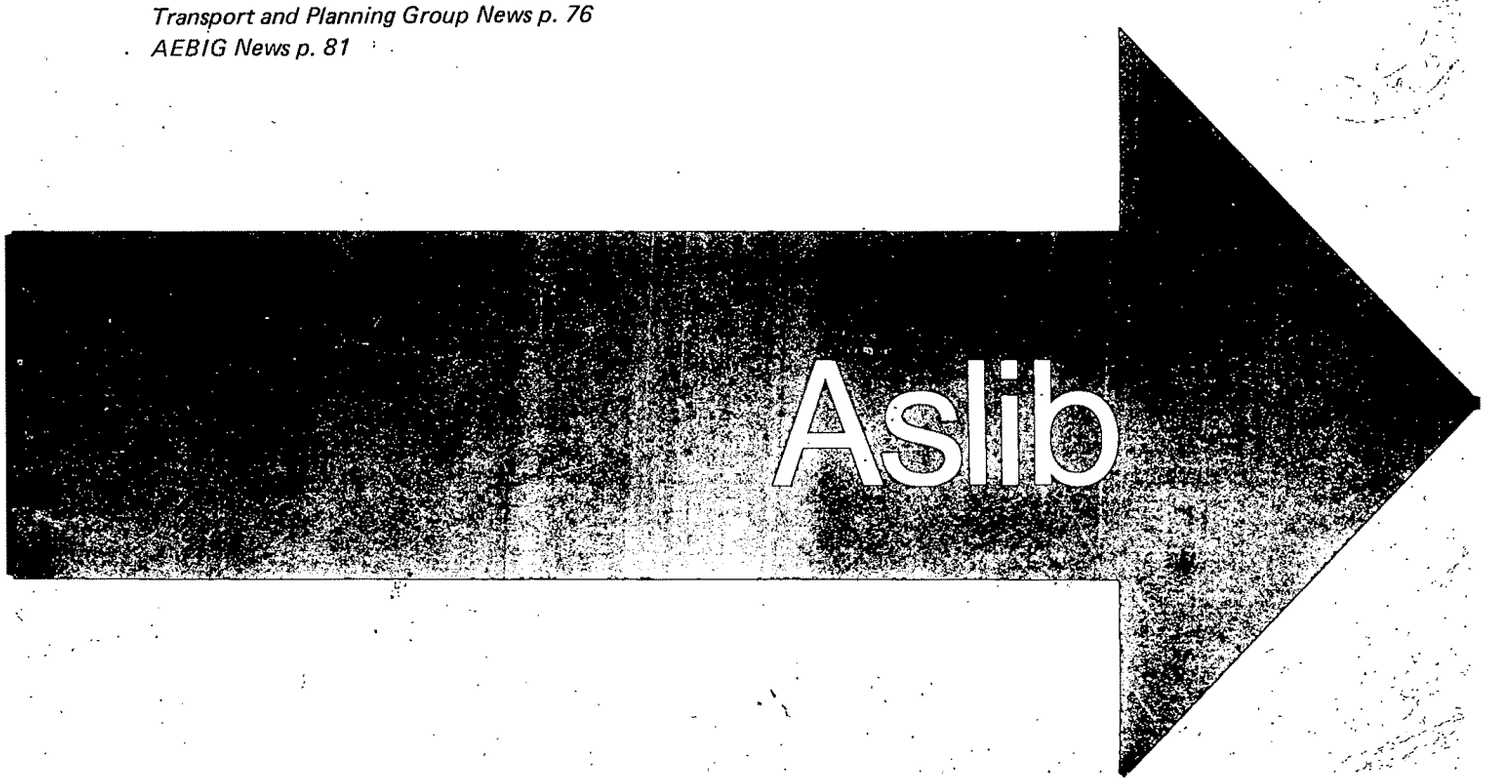

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Aslib
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Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

9/11 Mon/Wed — Aslib Course: Thesaurus Construction
Aslib
Fee: £125; Aslib members £100
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Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

11 Wed 13.30 — Economic and Business Information Group Visit: *The Manchester Guardian,* Manchester
Contact: Lindsay Churchill, Rolls-Royce Limited, Aero Division, PO Box 31, Derby DE2 8BJ

11 Wed — Aslib Midlands Branch with RSIS East Midlands Seminar: Applications of Computers in Libraries
Library, Loughborough University of Technology
Contact: Mrs Patricia Siddall
Tel: 021 235 4393

*11 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Aslib Evening Meeting: Wordprocessors in Libraries/Information Departments, by J. B. Whitehead, Pilkington Brothers Limited (Overflow meeting)
RINA, 10 Upper Belgrave Street London SW1
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib

*12 Thurs 17.00 for 17.30 — Social Sciences Information Group Evening Meeting: Freedom of Information, by Duncan Campbell
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
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16 Mon — Promoting and publicising library and information services: a conference
Sudbury House Conference Hall, 15 Newgate Street, London EC1
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
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17 Tues 15.00 16.00 and 16.30 — Informatics Group Meeting 'Thesaurus in the 80's' AGM and Sherry
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib

18 Wed 11.00 – 16.00 — Biological and Agricultural Sciences/East Midland Agricultural Information Group Visit: Meat and Livestock Commission Unit and Information Centre, Royal Agricultural Society's Showground, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire
Contact: S. Cramer, The Library, School of Agriculture, University of Nottingham, Sutton Bonnington, Loughborough LE12 5RD
Tel: Kegworth 2386

18 Wed — Aslib Evening Meeting: LASER and Prestel, by Miss J. M. Plaister, Director, LASER
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18/20 Wed/Fri — Aslib Course: Current Awareness and Technical Change
Aslib
Fee: £100; Aslib members £80
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Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

25 Wed 18.30 for 19.00 — Aslib Midlands Branch AGM with Buffet Meal and Talk by David Green on Information at BBC
Midland Hotel, Birmingham
Contact: Mrs Ann Lawes,
Tel: 0452 28621 ext 225

*26 Thurs 16.00 — Audiovisual Group Annual General Meeting and Visit to BBC Film and Television Library
Brentford
Contact: Sara Greene, Media Librarian, Polytechnic of the South Bank, London Road, London SE1 0AA

27 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group Meeting: BBC Radio German Language Courses, by Rodney Mantle, BBC
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib

APRIL

2 Thurs 14.00 — Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group Annual General Meeting and Tour, displays and libraries
British Museum (Natural History), London SW7
Contact: Susan Childs, Basement flat 1A, 8 Palmeira Square, Hove, Sussex BN3 2DB

3/5 Fri/Sun — Electronics Group Twenty-third Annual Conference
Loughborough University of Technology, Loughborough, Leicestershire
Contact: S. Thornton, Main Library, Q4 Building, MOD (PE), Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, Hants GU14 6TD
Tel: 0252 24461 ext 2235
Leaflet with February issue

*6 Mon 17.00 for 17.30 — Social Sciences Information Group Evening Meeting: Collector, provider, hindrance, or help? by Bill Blake, Research and Information Consultant
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Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib

6/8 Mon/Wed — Information management and organizational change: a Conference
London Tara Hotel
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Programme and registration form with January issue

*6/8 Mon/Wed — Chemical Group Course: Introduction to the nature and language of chemistry
Polytechnic of the South Bank
Contact: Susan Salt, Chemical Industries Association Ltd, Alembic House, 93 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7TU
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6/10 Mon/Fri — Aslib Course: Senior Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
Aslib
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7 Tues afternoon — Economic and Business Information Group Visit: Foreign and Commonwealth Office Library
Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London SW1
Contact: Maria Collins, Librarian, Department of Trade Statistics & Market Intelligence Library, Export House, 50 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7HV
Tel: 01 248 5757 ext 370

8 Wed 10.30 for 11.00 — Economic and Business Information Group Seminar: Selling your library service
Leeds City Museum
Contact: Terry Hanstock, Commercial and Law Librarian, Sheffield Central Library, Surrey Street, Sheffield

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14/16 Tues/Thurs — Transport and Planning Group Two-day Conference: Energy for the future of transport
York University
Contact: Barry Nuttall, Leeds Polytechnic Library, Brunswick Terrace, Leeds LS2 8BU
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27 April – 1 May Mon/Fri — Aslib Course: Business Information
Aslib
Fee: £120; Aslib members £90
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*29 Wed 14.30 — Chemical Group Visit: Official Publications
Library British Library, Great Russell Street, London WC1
Contact: Miss J. V. Hughes, Shell UK Administrative Services, UASAC/315, Shell Centre, London SE1 7NA

29 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Aslib Evening Meeting: Press data bases – Texline and New York Times information service and their impact on traditional sources, by Stephen Raiment and Peter Havas
Aslib
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*30 Thurs — Aslib (with Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers and Primary Communications Research Centre) Seminar: Profit from a good relationship – the librarian and the scholarly publisher
Institution of Mechanical Engineers, 1 Birdcage Walk, London SW1
Contact: R. J. Millson, 30 Austenwood Close, Chalfont St Peter, Gerrards Cross, Bucks, SL9 9DE and Conference Organizer, Aslib
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MAY

5 Tues 14.30 — Economic and Business Information Group Visit: *Economist* Intelligence Unit
27 St James's Place, London SW1
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Tel: 01 626 1500 ext 2483

7/8 Thurs/Fri — Aslib Course: Inter-Library Loans: How to succeed
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12 Tues — Aslib Course: Product Information
Aslib
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14 Thurs — Aslib Course: Techniques of Reference Work
Aslib
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15 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group Visit: Weidner Ltd, London
Contact: Mrs E. P. Coke, Electricity Council, Overseas Relations Branch, 30 Millbank, London SW1P 4RD

*18 Mon 14.00 — Electronic Group Meeting: Access to reports in the UK: the role of BLLD/DRIC and TRC
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Contact: C. Bigger, GEC Marconi Research Laboratories, West Hanningfield Road, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Essex
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19/22 Mon/Fri — Aslib Course: Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
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*27 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Aslib Evening Meeting
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28/29 Thurs/Fri — Aslib Course: An Introduction to Universal Decimal Classification
Aslib
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Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

JUNE

4 Thurs — Current affairs information: a Conference
CEGB Lecture Theatre, Sudbury House, 15 Newgate Street, London EC1
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
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*4 Thurs All Day — Audiovisual Group Meeting: an Audio Day
am Sound Archives
pm Maintenance of Sound Equipment
Aslib
Contact: Mrs B. Smith, London College of Fashion, 20 John Princes Street, London W1M 9HE
Tel: 01 629 9401

4/5 Thurs/Fri — Aslib Course: Official Publications
Aslib
Fee: £80; Aslib members £65
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9 Tues 18.00 — Aslib 14th Annual Lecture
Royal Aeronautical Society
4 Hamilton Place, London W1
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15/17 Mon/Wed — Aslib Course: Information Management
Aslib
Fee: £100; Aslib members £80
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Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*19 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group Meeting
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

22/23 Mon/Tues — Aslib Course: Computer Produced Indexes
Aslib
Fee: £90; Aslib members £70
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

JULY

15 Wed — Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group whole day visit: ICI Plant Protection Division Jealott's Hill Research Station, Bracknell, Berks
Contact: Susan Childs, Basement flat 1A, 8 Palmeira Square, Hove, Sussex BN3 2DB

SEPTEMBER

*18 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group Meeting
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Details later

22/25 Tues/Fri — Aslib 54th Annual Conference: Information '81: forecasts and realities
University of Oxford
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
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*29/ Oct 2 Tues/Fri — Aslib Course: Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
Aslib
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Aslib Information
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OCTOBER

*16 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group Meeting
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*26–30 Mon/Fri — Aslib Course: Senior Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
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NOVEMBER

*13 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group Meeting
Aslib
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*23–27 Mon/Fri — Aslib Course: Business Information
Aslib
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Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer

DECEMBER

*4 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group Meeting
Aslib
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*21–24 Tues–Fri — Aslib 55th Annual Conference
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Promoting and Publicising Library and Information Services: a Conference
16 March 1981, CEGB Lecture Theatre, Sudbury House, 15 Newgate Street, London EC1

There is still time to register for this conference — the programme was distributed in January — and to glean some ideas for promoting your library/information service from Blaise Cronin (Aslib), Horst Ernestus (Wuppertal City Library), Patsy Hutchinson (Sheffield City Polytechnic), Margaret Redfern (Polytechnic of North London), Linda Reynolds (Royal College of Art) and Robert Usherwood (Sheffield University), who will describe and illustrate techniques and ideas which are applicable in a wide variety of contexts. Horst Ernestus's description of what he has done in Wuppertal could well be particularly inspiring and a display of promotional material will provide an opportunity to study and assess an international selection of what might be considered as good practice in this field.

Contact for information and registration: The Conference Organizer, Aslib.

Information Management and Organizational Change: a Conference
6–8 April 1981, London Tara Hotel

This is a conference that should not be missed. It aims to meet the hardness of the times with ideas that could develop information management into a more dynamic and creative force in the operation of an organization.

Looking at organizational factors; the technology; people and professional aspects; and information management in the outside world are a distinguished galaxy of speakers: Alexis Lamy (Essochem Europe); Dr D. G. Rowlands (Unilever Research); Dr Emma Bird (Urwick Nexos Limited); Dr Claus Suhr (BASF Aktiengesellschaft); Dr Patricia Layzell Ward (CLAIM); Margaret Slater and P. H. Vickers (Aslib), Alan Gilchrist; while Aslib's President, Lord Kearton will open the conference with a keynote address. With the level of audience expected, the discussion workshops in the second evening should be as exciting and fruitful as any part of the programme and hopefully will lead to some emerging ideas and directives for action in the restatement and synthesis in the final session.

The contact for further information and copies of the programme and registration form is the Conference Organizer, Aslib.

Profit from a good relationship — the librarian and the scholarly publisher: a seminar
30 April 1981, The Institution of Mechanical Engineers, 1 Birdcage Walk, London SW1

Publishing by institutions and societies has developed largely from the need to service the specialized information requirements of their members. As contacts with members are generally direct, the librarian has not featured significantly in the relationship between societies and members arising from the societies' own publishing activities. However, during the last two decades a great many societies have developed scholarly publishing programmes aimed at the disciplines which they represent, rather than solely at their members, thus introducing a large spectrum of non-members into their relationships. The outcome has been the emergence of the librarian as a highly significant link in the chain of communication between the scholarly publisher and the reader.

The purpose of this seminar is to examine how that link can be strengthened by studying those problems of librarians which are generated by publishers' policies and procedures, to seek solutions and to provide a better understanding by librarians of the rising tide of problems which beset the publisher.

The function of the librarian — especially the academic librarian — as a customer of the scholarly publishers has become vitally important and accordingly the seminar will study the routines involved in this supplier/customer relationship in an attempt to determine how improvements can be effected.

Aslib is co-operating with the Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers and the Primary Communications Research Centre in organizing this seminar, which should be of as much interest to librarians as to the publishers. A programme is available and distributed with this issue of *Aslib Information*. Registrations to: R. J. Millson, 30 Austenwood Close, Chalfont St Peter, Gerrards Cross, Bucks SL9 9DE. Information only can be obtained from the Conference Organizer, Aslib.

Current affairs information — resources and needs: a conference
4 June 1981, CEGB Lecture Theatre, 15 Newgate Street, London EC1

Information of a very immediate nature, its need and how this is met, is the theme of this conference. The topic is a little outside Aslib's usual bailiwick, but one in which we believe we should become increasingly involved and could be of real help to members. Aimed at an audience drawn from government departments, local government, industrial libraries and information units, banks and finance houses, public libraries and the media, the programme will look at the sources and services that exist to meet the need for 'instant information'; how they are used; what problems there are; and what the user would like. A programme and registration form accompany this issue of *Aslib Information*; further copies and information can be obtained from the Conference Organizer, Aslib.

Aslib 54th Annual Conference: Information '81: forecasts and realities
22–25 September 1981, University of Oxford

This month sees the publication of the advance programme and registration form for Aslib's 54th Annual Conference, to be held from September 22–25 in the University of Oxford.

Among the speakers listed in the programme are John Osborn, MP, who reports progress (we hope) since 1980 on Government information provision, with Professor Dr Peter Canisius giving a more general view of what is happening in Western Europe; Robert Maxwell, Pergamon Press; Dr C. F. Tapper, Magdalen College; David Raitt, ESTEC; Professor T. Stonier. The title chosen — *Information '81: forecasts and realities,* gives scope for a detailed look at topics that will be of special interest and urgency in September and to present up-to-the-minute statements of progress, developments and prospects in these fields in both a practical and speculative vein. In the forefront of interest, too, will be some of the Group sessions, looking at video-discs in the library, the role of foreign languages in information and Informatics 6, concerned with the design of information systems for humans, with Dr Margaret Boden as the keynote speaker.

Details too of the visits and a lavish social programme are included in the leaflet; the contact for further copies of this, for information and for registration is the Conference Organizer, Aslib.

LIBRARY

Thesauri in the Aslib Library

The following thesauri have been added to our collection since publication of our list of holdings in *Aslib Proceedings,* June 1979 and the supplementary lists in *Aslib Information,* September 1979, March 1980, and September 1980.

GENERAL

Inter-Organization Board for Information Systems.
Broad terms for United Nations programmes and activities. Geneva: the Board, 1979. 187p.

National Library of Canada
Canadian subject headings. Hull, Quebec: Canadian Government Publishing Centre, 1979. 395p.
ISBN 0 660 10148 3.
With English—French, French—English indexes.

EDUCATION

Machalow, Robert
Subject headings list for the research collection of the Library of the Children's Television Workshop. Washington, D.C; ERIC, 1977. 17p. (ED 143 369)

CHEMISTRY/PETROLEUM

[American Petroleum Institute]
List of chemical index terms 1980 *and* Chemicals mini-thesaurus 1980. [New York: the Institute] 1980. 8p, 86p.

MEDICINE/BIOMEDICINE/DRUGS

Medline Users manual and thesaurus for specialists in communicative disorders, by Barbara J. Reiner and Christy L. Ludlow. Volume I: users manual; volume II: thesaurus. Washington D.C.: U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, 1979. 378p; 189p.
Based on MeSH.

Muench, Eugene V.
Biomedical subject headings: a reconciliation of National Library of Medicine (MeSH) and Library of Congress subject headings. 2nd ed. Hamden, Connecticut: Shoe String Press, 1979. 774p.
ISBN 0 208 01747 X.

National adverse drug reaction directory. Rockville, Maryland: US Dept of Health, Education and Welfare, Food and Drug Administration [197?] [269p].

COSTART
Coding Symbols for Thesaurus of Adverse Reaction Terms.

AIR POLLUTION

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Office of Air and Waste Management.
Microthesaurus of air pollution terms, 5th revision. [Washington] : the Agency, [1976] [10p].

WELDING

International Institute of Welding.
The international welding thesaurus. 2nd ed. Abington: Welding Institute for International Institute of Welding, 1980. 155p

AGRICULTURE

Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux.
CAB Abstracts word list. Slough: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, 1978. 120p. ISBN 0 85198 439 8.

BUSINESS

London Business School Library.
SCIMP/SCANP thesaurus 1980, rev ed, edited by K. D. C. Vernon and S. J. Newman. London: European Business School Librarians Group, 1980. 124p.

MARITIME RESEARCH

Maritime Research Information Service.
Index of MRIS subject terms (key words). Washington, D.C.: National Academy of Sciences, 1980. 151p.

FOOD SCIENCE

Food and Nutrition Information Center
Food and Nutrition Information Center controlled vocabulary. [Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1980.] 343p.

METALLURGY

American Society for Metals.
Thesaurus of metallurgical terms: a vocabulary listing for use in indexing, storage and retrieval of technical information in metallurgy. 4th ed. Metals Park, Ohio, and London: the Society and the Metals Society, 1980. 177p.

PULP AND PAPER

Pulp and Paper Research Institute of Canada.
Thesaurus of pulp and paper terms: supplement no. 4 (includes supplements nos 1 to 3) Pointe Claire: the Institute, 1980. 65p. Changes and additions to Thesaurus of Pulp and Paper Terms, 2nd ed, 1971.

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

Construction industry terms: a guide based on the structural principles of the Construction Industry Thesaurus (CIT). London: Department of the Environment, Property Services Agency, 1979. 76p.

MUSIC

RILM thesaurus: subject headings for cumulative index of *RILM abstracts.* [New York] : RILM, 1976. 54p. Répertoire International de Littérature Musicale (International Repertory of Music Literature) under the sponsorship of the International Musicological Society.

We are still eager to receive details and/or copies of any new thesauri or classification schemes, published, unpublished or in the course of preparation. We also welcome information and comments on schemes in current use by members.

Preparation of a new thesaurus

A thesaurus is being prepared as an aid to the use of a new databank on the properties, actions and uses of drugs and related substances. The databank will be based on the forthcoming edition of *Martindale: The Extra Pharmacopoeia,* to be published in 1982. The thesaurus will extend over a wide range of scientific and technical subjects to cover the variety of information in Martindale.

For futher information contact: Pauline Duckitt, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, The Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN. Tel: 01-735-9141.

ELECTRONICS GROUP

An afternoon meeting has been arranged entitled 'Access to reports in the United Kingdom: the role of BLLD, DRIC and TRC.' Representatives from BLLD, DRIC and TRC will present papers outlining their roles, policies and services in the supply and dissemination of report literature. Time will be allowed for discussion which will enable attendees to present their views or problems. The meeting will take place on Monday 18 May 1981, at 14.00 hrs at Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London. If you would like to attend please inform: Chris Bigger, GEC-Marconi Research Laboratories, West Hanningfield Road, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Essex. Tel: (0245) 73331. Ext. 382.

Bibliographies

In response to the entry in *Aslib Information* July 1974, and further to the lists given in recent issues, we have received and inspected the following bibliographies. Photocopies of these bibliographies can be supplied by Aslib at the prices indicated. Orders should be addressed to the Head of the Information Division at Aslib. All orders must be **PRE-PAID.**

Bibl—1493
House of Commons Library Research Division.
Telephone tapping and electronic surveillance devices. 1980. 14 pages. £1.70.

Bibl—1494
Institute of Chartered Accountants. Library.
Insurance company accounts: Library reading list. 1980. 4 pages. £0.70.

The following bibliographies are available direct from the issuing organizations. **PLEASE GIVE FULL DETAILS WHEN ORDERING** — the Bibliography number alone is not sufficient to enable the publishing organization to identify the item.

Bibl—1495
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Automated methods for the chemical analysis of soils and plants (1971—1977). 1978. 39 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA1951. U.K. £3.00. Overseas £3.60.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1496
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Effects of fertilizers, manures and soil amendments on root growth (1957—1976). 1978. 122 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SK1952. U.K. £4.50. Overseas £5.40.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1497
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Implement draft, soil workability and soil trafficability (1957—1976). 1978. 67 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA1955. U.K. £3.50. Overseas £4.20.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1498
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Soils of Indonesia (1916—1976). 1978. 121 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SG1953. U.K. £4.50. Overseas £5.40.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1499
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Wind erosion and its control (1968—1977). (Supplement to No. S1203). 1978. 83 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA1940. U.K. £4.00. Overseas £4.80.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1500
Department of Energy Library.
Energy conservation in the United Kingdom: Selected references 1974 to mid 1979. 1979. 241 refs. Energy Bibliographies 1979/2.
Available from: Department of Energy Library, Thames House South, Millbank, London SW1P 4QJ.

Bibl—1501
Departments of the Environment and Transport.
Energy: sources of information on energy with particular reference to the environment. 1979. 117 pages. LIB/INF/31. £1.80 + postage.
Available from: The Library, Department of the Environment and Department of Transport, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB.

Bibl—1502
Departments of the Environment and Transport.
Energy and transport: an introductory list based on the DOE/DTp Library. 1979. 100 refs. Bibliography 190B. £0.60 + postage.
Available from: Library, Department of the Environment and Department of Transport, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB.

Bibl—1503
Departments of the Environment and Transport.
Farm buildings planning and appearance: a select list of references. 1979. 126 refs. Bibliography No. 198. £0.50 + postage.
Available from: The Library, Department of the Environment and Department of Transport, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB.

Bibl—1504
Departments of the Environment and Transport.
Housing: sources of information on housing. 1979. 58 refs. LIB/INF/10 (revised edition). £1.20 + postage.
Available from: The Library, Department of the Environment and Department of Transport, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB.

Bibl—1505
Departments of the Environment and Transport.
New towns in Britain: a short list of titles. A select list of material held in DOE/DTp Library. 1979. 26 refs. Bibliography No. 134 (revised edition). £0.17 + postage.
Available from: The Library, Department of the Environment and Department of Transport, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB.

Bibl—1506
Electricity Council. Intelligence Section.
Economic aspects of some electroheat applications: a select list of 33 references, listed chronologically within each heading and covering the time period 1975-1978. 1979. Bibliographies B125.
Available from: Intelligence Section, Electricity Council, 30 Millbank, London SW1P 4RD.

Bibl—1507
International Bee Research Association.
Beekeeping and bee research in Brazil. 1980. 156 refs. Satellite Bibliography S/30 to Bibliography of Tropical Apiculture part 5. £5.00 (£3.50 to IBRA Members and individuals in developing countries).
Available from: IBRA, Hill House, Gerrards Cross, Bucks SL9 0NR.

Bibl—1508
International Bee Research Association.
Beekeeping and bee research in South Africa. 1980. 177 refs. Satellite Bibliography S/27 to Bibliography of Tropical Apiculture part 2. £5.00 (£3.50 to IBRA Members and individuals in developing countries).
Available from: IBRA, Hill House, Gerrards Cross, Bucks SL9 0NR.

Bibl—1509
International Bee Research Association.
Biology of stingless bees (meliponinae). 1980. 244 refs. Satellite Bibliography S/33 to Bibliography of Tropical Apiculture part 14. £5.00. (£3.50 to IBRA Members and individuals in developing countries
Available from: IBRA, Hill House, Gerrards Cross, Bucks SL9 0NR.

Bibl—1510
International Bee Research Association.
Honeys of specific regions of the Tropics. 1980. 113 refs. Satellite Bibliography S/36 to Bibliography of Tropical Apiculture part 19. £3.00 (£2.00 to IBRA Members and individuals in developing countries.
Available from: IBRA, Hill House, Gerrards Cross, Bucks SL9 0NR.

Bibl—1511
Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom. Marine Pollution Information Centre.
A bibliography on marine and estuarine oil pollution. Supplement 3. 1979. 119 pages. £6.00.
Available from: Marine Pollution Information Centre, Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom, Citadel Hill, Plymouth, Devon.

Bibl—1512
Scottish Health Service Centre Library.
Day hospitals and centres. 4th edition. 1979. 100 refs. Library Bibliography No. 4.
Available from: Library, Scottish Health Service Centre, Crewe Road South, Edinburgh EH4 2LF.

Bibl—1513
Victorian Railways Library.
Cleaning railway tunnels. 1979. 7 refs. Literature Search No. 79—23.
Available from: Victorian Railways Library, 67 Spencer Street, Melbourne 3000, Victoria, Australia.

Bibl—1514
Victorian Railways Library.
Effects of lighting on railway signal circuits and protection. 1979. 9 refs. Literature Search No. 79—22.
Available from: Victorian Railways Library, 67 Spencer Street, Melbourne 3000, Victoria, Australia.

Bibl—1515
Victorian Railways Library.
Energy efficiency of freight transportation. 1979. 140 refs. Literature Search No. 79—25.
Available from: Victorian Railways Library, 67 Spencer Street, Melbourne 3000, Victoria, Australia.

Bibl—1516
Victorian Railways Library.
Seat belts: function, use and testing (for guards on trains). 1979. 21 refs. Literature Search No. 79—24.
Available from: Victorian Railways Library, 67 Spencer Street, Melbourne 3000, Victoria, Australia.

Bibl—1517
Victorian Railways Library.
Simulators for training locomotive drivers. 1979. 16 refs. Literature Search No. 79—12.
Available from: Victorian Railways Library, 67 Spencer Street, Melbourne 3000, Victoria, Australia.

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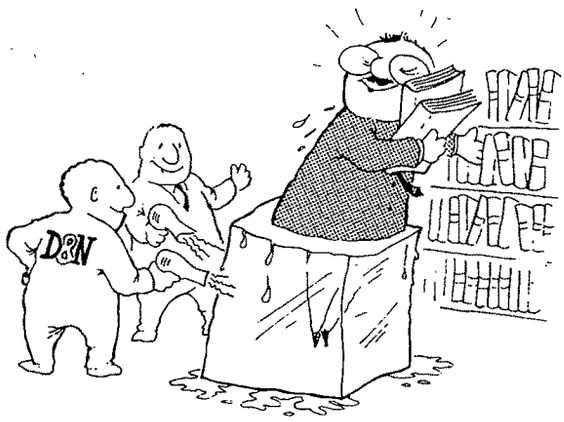

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Transport & Planning Group News

Energy and the Future of Transport

The Group is holding a residential conference at the University of York from 14–16 April 1981 on the subject of 'Energy and the Future of Transport'.

The Conference will present and discuss developments in transport and transport planning, and examine prospects for the future. The influence of energy on this will receive special attention. Transport systems of the future will be determined largely by the availability of different forms of energy. Such availability and the continuing need to manage and conserve resources will govern both policies and systems for transport.

The Conference will interest all those with a need to know about energy and transport. Sessions will be held at the University of York and at the National Railway Museum. Speakers will include M. Baldwin (Imperial College), T. L. Beagley (Past President, Chartered Institute of Transport), G. J. Bennett (Department of Industry), D. Hutchinson (Greater London Council), I. McCullough (Chloride Technical Limited), G. Mitchell (British Railways Board), R. C. Hutcheson (Shell UK Oil) and H. Daskin (Department of the Environment).

Cost of the two-day conference is £80.00 inclusive, and further details and application forms may be obtained from the Aslib Conference Office, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL.

Information for Urban and Regional Planning

The Group held a successful one day seminar at the Library Association to discuss Information for Urban and Regional Planning. Held in conjunction with the Reference Special and Information Section of the Library Association, the seminar attracted an audience of over forty. Papers were given by Brenda White (Capital Planning Information), Barry Nuttall (Leeds Polytechnic), Eleanor Rickman (Departments of the Environment and Transport Library), Penny Farmer (Greater London Council) and Gay Scott (Greater London Council).

All papers presented to the seminar are scheduled for publication in the May 1981 issue of *Aslib Proceedings.*

Bibliographies on Planning

Recent bibliographies in the bibliography series issued by the Departments of the Environment and Transport Library include the following:

Urban open spaces (Bibliography 95B) £1.95 + 21p postage
Energy and the environment (Bibliography 190 (a)) £1.15 + 10p postage
Department of the Environment organization and functions (Bibliography 158 supplement no. 1) price not stated
Urban Renaissance (Bibliography no. 200) £1.95 + 21p postage.

All are available from DOE/DTp Library, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB.

Organization and control of local government planning documentation

Barry Nuttall (Leeds Polytechnic Library and Chairman, ATPG) has completed his research project into local government planning documentation. The research consisted of a series of visits to the planning departments of local authorities in Yorkshire, Cleveland and Humberside to discover practices and problems in the publication of information. These visits revealed that very few authorities have the necessary administration to promote effective publication of their documents. The report also examines the poor coverage of local government documents by five selected indexing and abstract services.

Three possible areas of improvement were identified and these are discussed in detail. The first is an improvement by local authorities themselves in the publication practices and policies and a more professional approach to making information available. The second area lies in improved coverage by indexing and abstract journals. A third practical improvement would be the creation of a national agency for bibliographical control of local government documentation. The research is reported in British Library Research and Development Department report no. 5566 which is not published but deposited at BLLD.

The report is published under the title *Organization and control of local authority planning documentation* by Barry S. Nuttall. Leeds Polytechnic Planning Research Unit, Planning Research paper 23. Price £2.00 plus 30p postage. Available from: Dr S. J. Craig-Smith, Planning Research Unit, School of Town Planning, Leeds Polytechnic, Brunswick Terrace, Leeds LS2 8BU.

Periodicals for disposal

A member of ATPG has offered the following journal issues which are duplicates from stock. These will be sent to other ATPG members on request. First come, first served, please refund postage.

BEE (Bulletin of environmental education) (1–44) 1971–4

Official Architecture and Planning (and succeeding title *Built Environment*) 1965 (missing May), 1966, 1967 (missing Jan–March), 1968 (missing Apr, Aug), 1969, 1970, 1971 (missing Apr, July), 1972 (missing July), 1973 (missing May, June, Nov), 1974 (missing Jan, March, Apr, Sept, Oct), 1975 (missing Jan–March), 1976 (missing nos 1 and 3), 1978.

Planning Outlook vols 9, 14–19, 1970–76

RIBA Annual Review of Periodical Articles vols 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 (1965–71)

Town and Country Planning 1946 (54) (56), 1947 (57–59), 1948 (62–64), 1949 (65–68), 1950 (missing Dec), 1951, 1952 (missing Dec), 1953 (missing Feb, May), 1960 (missing Jan, June, Dec), 1961, 1962 (missing Jan, Apr–June, Sept–Nov), 1963, 1964 (Dec only), 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969 (Dec only)

Town Planning Institute Journal (and succeeding titles) 1970 (missing May, July–Oct, Dec), 1971 (missing Feb, May, July–Oct), 1972, 1973 (missing Jan–June, Sept–Oct), 1974 (missing Jan, May–Nov)

Town Planning Review Vols 23 (1–3), 32, 33 (1–2), 34 (2), 35 (2), 36 (3), 38 (1–3), 40 (1,3), 41 (1), 1952–1970

Any requests for the journals and any correspondence on this newsletter should be sent to: Barry Nuttall (Chairman ATPG), Leeds Polytechnic, Brunswick Terrace, Leeds LS2 8BU.

ASSIG NEWS

Future meetings

As many members know, we are at present restructuring our meetings programme to give members a better opportunity of participating in the group, and to bring them into closer contact with colleagues in other libraries and information services. To this end two further meetings have been planned for the Spring.

Duncan Campbell, of the *New Statesman,* the distinguished writer and journalist has agreed to address the group on the subject of *Freedom of Information* in March. Many of you will be familiar with his work and we anticipate a stimulating evening.

In April a luminary of social sciences information research will give us an evening paper. Bill Blake, formerly of the British Library-funded EISSWA project has developed some interesting new ideas about the roles and skills of information officers, and the organizational structures within which they can operate.

We look forward to seeing you all to enjoy our new programme.

Muriel Windsor

EVENTS

User education conference

The second international conference on library user education will be held at Keble College, Oxford, on 7–10 July 1981. The conference will be concerned with user education in all types of library – school, higher education and public libraries, and a major feature will be an exhibition of user-education materials and there will also be visits to Oxford libraries.

The conference fees are: residential £95.00, non-residential £60.00 (but including lunch and dinner). Application forms, accompanied if possible by the conference fee, should be sent as early as possible as numbers are strictly limited. The closing date for applications is 31 March 1981; any cancellations after this date will be subject to a charge. The address for further information is: Second International Conference on User Education, P.O. Box 45, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 3UL, England.

IIS Annual Conference

The 1981 Annual Conference of the Institute of Information Scientists will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Torquay from 15–19 June 1981. The theme is 'Planning tomorrow – information initiatives in Europe'.

Social and technical developments taking place will affect the way information is handled in Europe in the immediate future. This conference programme has been designed to give senior managers an accurate appraisal of the changes that are imminent and so assist in forward planning. The opening session of the conference will look in detail at the extent to which Europe can be regarded as information conscious, and make comparisons with developments in the USA and Japan. The second session will examine the changing role of the professional information scientist, and the third day will be devoted to recent technological developments. The final session will review the impact of information policies on both the public and private sectors.

Copies of the conference brochure can be obtained from: Helen Henderson, c/o Creative Strategies International, Banda House, Cambridge Grove, London W6. For further details contact: Paul Harris Tel: 01-262 0141.

Local government documentation

A seminar on the publishing, acquisition, storage and retrieval of local government documents, organized by Capital Planning Information will be held at the London Business School on Wednesday 8 April 1981.

British local government is a major publisher of information. Recent studies carried out by Capital Planning Information suggest that up to 50,000 documents are published or otherwise made available by local authorities in any one year. The standards of production of these documents vary considerably, and there is a growing recognition of the need to improve standards without increasing costs. Better market definition could, in many cases, bring substantial cost recovery and even profit to local authorities who know best how to exploit the data and information collected by them for management and other purposes. This information is often of great value to business and commerce, to other local authorities and to the public at large.

The seminar will address itself to some of the issues faced by local authorities in this area. The seminar fee, which includes coffee, lunch, and tea, is £40 per person plus VAT. Bookings should be sent to the Conference Organizer, CPI Ltd., 2 Birling Road, Tunbridge Wells TN2 5LX (Tel: 0892-32906, telex 262284 ref. 2112). Numbers attending will be limited, and early booking is advised.

Online course

Designed for prospective participants who were unable to obtain a place on previous courses, the College of Librarianship Wales is again offering its 'Introduction to Online Systems and Services' short course from 30 March to 2 April 1981. During the course, live searching will be carried out using Lockheed Dialog, and demonstrations of Orbit, Blaise and Euronet will be given. All participants will be given hands-on search experience.

The course, which is fully residential, costs £82. Concessionary fares are available for participants travelling to Aberystwyth by rail. Enrolment will be strictly limited to the first 12 applicants, and intending applicants are advised to contact the Course Secretary, Glyn Collins (Tel: 0970 3181), as soon as possible.

Academic book publishing

The unprecedented number of new book titles now being produced has been condemned as 'disastrous'. This criticism will be considered at an afternoon Seminar organized by the Library Association on Wednesday 11 March at the Bloomsbury Centre Hotel, London – simultaneously with the 1981 London Academic Book Fair.

The seminar, organized in conjunction with the Library Association's University, College and Research Section and the College of Preceptors, will be chaired by Norman Higham, Librarian at the University of Bristol. Further details are available from Rob Palmer, Conferences Officer, The Library Association, 7 Ridgmount Street, London WC1E 7AE. Tel: 01-636-7543.

Current user education projects

A conference, 'Current R & D Projects in User Education in the UK – 1981' will be held on 6 & 7 April 1981 at Stanford Hall, Leicestershire. Sponsored by the British Library R & D Department, the first day will have the theme of 'User Education in Schools' and the second day will have the theme 'User Education in Tertiary Education and Beyond'. Speakers will include Terence Brake, Nigel Norris, Ralph Tabberer, Lawrence Stenhouse, Elaine Martin, Ann Irving, Jim Stephenson, Bernard Houghton, John James, Tony Payne and Michael Munday.

The fee is £40.00 (2-day residential) or £18.00 (1-day non-residential) and further information can be obtained from Ian Malley (Conference Director), British Library Information Officer for User Education, Library, Loughborough University of Technology, Loughborough, LE11 3TU.

Industrial group study weekend

The Library Association Industrial Group will be holding their ninth annual study weekend at the Lane End Management Centre, High Wycombe, 20–22 March. The theme is 'Information requirements in a changing economy' and the speakers will include Dr Dennis Lewis (ICI Plastics Division); David Andrews (Open University); Judith Collins and Ruth Finer (Consultants in Information Management); Angela Abell (Peabody Holmes Ltd); Angela Allott (Sheffield City Libraries); Frank Graham (UKAEA); Alan Armstrong (Alan Armstrong & Associates Ltd); and Martin White (Creative Strategies International).

The conference fee will be £70, and inquiries and bookings should be addressed to W. T. Eales, Administrator, Library and Information Services, British Timken Co., Duston, Northampton NN5 6UL (0604 52311).

NOTES

Library Association Working Party on European Communities Publications

A further meeting of this Working Party took place at the Library Association on 14 January 1981. This followed the

meeting, which was held in November of last year, when the Working Party met with Mr Clausen, Mr Gaskell, Mr Gibb and Mr Perry from the Consultative Committee on Publications of the Commission of the European Communities together with Mr Pau from the London Office of the CEC.

After outlining their respective roles the members of the CEC delegation spoke of future developments in publications policy. A frank discussion of a general nature following the broad outline of the LA document prepared by the Working Party took place and it was agreed to follow this general discussion with more talks on problems of a specific nature at a future date.

The Working Party has identified a number of specific areas for action. Amongst these are to:

(1) Obtain a check list of what each European Documentation Centre and Depositary Library should receive.
(2) Submit concerns on indexing policy.
(3) Consider the provision of catalogues.
(4) Ask for a policy document on the functions of all distributing points.

The Working Party would be very interested to hear from anyone regarding these or any other areas of concern relating to CEC publications. Comments, in writing, should be sent to either the Aslib observer on the Working Party: Miss S. Remington, Head of the Information Division, Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London, SW1X 8PL, or to: The Chairman, Library Association Working Party on European Communities Publications, c/o Library Association, 7 Ridgmount Street, London, WC1E 7AE, as soon as possible. Please give specific examples to back up your comments.

Chemical Abstracts

Chemical Abstracts now contains a new patent index that provides extended identification of all chemical patents processed by Chemical Abstracts Service and indicates the various stages of patent examination represented by the documents.

The expanded patent index, which appears both in the weekly issues of CA and as part of the semiannual volume indexes, contains patent number entries for both new patent documents abstracted in CA during the period covered by the index and patent documents processed during the period that are equivalent or related to patents abstracted earlier. Each time new equivalent or related patent is referenced, a complete listing of all patent documents in the 'family' of documents on the invention appears at the entry for the abstracted patent. The new patent index enables a searcher to find information on all issued patent documents on a particular invention in a single index.

Use of microcomputers in libraries

The British Library has awarded a grant of £19,000 to BHRA Fluid Engineering for research into the use of systems programs in library applications of microcomputers. The main objective of the research is to provide librarians and managers of information units with relevant information about the use of microcomputers. Software development for microcomputers is labour-intensive, costly, and is likely to become more complex. The research will examine the possibility of minimising costs by using systems programs to achieve the same results as programs which have been written for particular applications.

Further details are available from Martin Rowat, Information Services Manager, BHRA Fluid Engineering, Cranfield, Bedford MK43 0AJ. Tel: 0234 750422; telex 825059.

Microsystems centre

With the object of helping small businesses and the professions, the National Computing Centre has formed a new Division to be called the Microsystems Centre. Its aim will be to educate and inform the potential user of small computer systems, up to approximately £15,000 in value. As a means of helping Britain's small businesses and professions to improve efficiency and competitiveness, it will explain the application of microcomputers and encourage the effective use of them.

The government, through the Department of Industry, is providing the funds necessary for setting up and initially operating the new Centre. It is anticipated that as subscribers grow in number the Microsystems Centre will progressively become self-funding.

For further information please contact: Eric Bird, 11 New Fetter Lane, London EC4A 1PU. Tel: 01-353-4875.

STATUS users' group established

Users of STATUS — the information retrieval software package developed by Harwell — have established an All STATUS Users' Group. The new Group, which was formed at the first All STATUS Users' meeting held at The Royal Society on 15 January, will act as an information exchange for ideas on the applications of STATUS and play a representative role in discussions with Harwell and franchise holders on future developments and enhancements of the STATUS package.

It will be an umbrella organization for *all* users and will operate alongside the existing PRIME and ICL STATUS users groups, and other specialized groups which may be formed.

Details of the latest development — STATUS Version 80 — which are currently being released to franchise holders and users, were also announced at the meeting. In producing this new version, the main objective has been to improve the performance and robustness of the system, but several new and extended features have also been incorporated. One of these is a powerful facility for multiline command macro processing, which will allow the occasional user straightforward access to complicated search and retrieval commands.

Further information on STATUS and its applications can be obtained from Derek Matkin, Commercial Manager, STATUS, Marketing and Sales Department, Building 329, AERE Harwell, Didcot, Oxon OX11 0RA. Tel: Abingdon (0235) 24141 Ext. 2704.

Classification scheme for law books

The Moys Classification, which is well known, particularly to law librarians, was first published in 1968. Dozens of libraries already use the scheme and their number is growing steadily. A new edition is under preparation, intended for publication in 1982.

There will be widespread up-dating of the schedule to take account of recent developments, such as welfare law, conservation and the increased membership, scope and importance of the European Economic Community. In response to many requests from law librarians, the index to the schedules is being recast as an Index-Thesaurus, so that it could be used for compiling subject catalogues or indexes of books and articles. Used together, the classification schedule and the index-thesaurus will provide librarians with a very practical tool for the subject organization and retrieval of legal information.

The author, Elizabeth M. Moys, is keen to hear from all users who have identified problems which should be dealt with in the new edition. They are invited to write to her at Goldsmiths' College, London, SE14 6NW.

Braille experiments

A developmental laboratory for testing innovations in braille production has been established at the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) in New York City. This five-year project is under the auspices of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress. The purpose of the project is to improve production of reading materials for 22,000 blind people reading Library of Congress braille books and magazines. Currently, the braille collection includes 36 popular magazines, and some 650 books are added each year to the braille-lending collection.

Braille production methods range from slow and cumbersome embossing to computer production. The developmental laboratory will examine existing and developing technologies particularly in relation to computer production of high-grade braille.

IIS 1981 essay competition

Win £120 (first prize) or £75 (second prize) in the Institute of Information Scientists Essay Competition. The competition, sponsored by The Metals Society, is open to anyone under the age of 28, or full-time students of any age. Entry is open to every nationality – entrants do not have to be members of the IIS, nor do they have to be resident in the UK.

The essay should be between 2500 and 3500 words on one of the following topics: (i) What do you consider is the future of videotex systems? (ii) Discuss the changing role of an Information Scientist in industry (iii) Has research a role in information science?

Essays must be received by 1 September 1981. Entries will be judged by an eminent panel and the winning essays will be considered for publication in the *Journal of Information Science.* Essays should be sent to: Essay Competition, The Institute of Information Scientists, Harvest House, 62 London Road, Reading, RG1 5AS. England.

PUBLICATIONS

Selecting an online terminal

When an organization decides to set up an online search service, amongst the many factors involved is the choice of a suitable terminal. Two major problems that many online users face when making the decision are 'what equipment is suitable?' and 'how do I find out who are the manufacturers and suppliers?'

Selecting a terminal for online information retrieval discusses the criteria a user must consider when selecting a terminal, and includes *Table of terminals and slave printers suitable for online information retrieval.* All the information given in the tables has been obtained direct from the brochures of the manufacturers or suppliers concerned. Some useful references have also been included. The price is £2.50 in the UK and £2.50 plus postage and packing outside the UK, and the guide is available from: Online Information Centre, 3 Belgrave Square, London, SW1X 8PL. Cheques must be made payable to Aslib.

Reviews

World guide to abbreviations of organizations edited by F. A. Buttress, Glasgow: Blackie, 1981. ISBN 0 249 44159 4. £40.00.

The sixth edition of this reference book is now available and contains 50% more entries than the previous edition. Improved coverage of organizations in the countries of the European Economic Community and the African countries accounts for a large proportion of the new entries.

Any publication of this nature must necessarily be selective. This publication however, gives no indication of the policy used to select items for inclusion. It is therefore not clear why organizations such as the Institute of Chartered Accountants (ICA) and the National Computing Centre (NCC) have been excluded while smaller organizations have been included. There is also apparently no rule regarding organizations which have changed their name and abbreviation. For example the Chartered Institute of Transport (formerly the Institute of Transport) is entered under both abbreviations with no cross-reference between the two while the Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas has a cross reference from the abbreviation for the former title of Rural Industries Bureau. Some organizations e.g. Institute of Data Processing Management and the Royal Society of Chemistry have entries under their former titles only.

Once again the addresses of the organizations, which would have made this a more useful, although much more expensive, publication, have been omitted. Except in the case of international organizations the country of origin is given where it differs from the language of entry. Details of publications which augment the coverage of this book and, in many cases, also give the addresses of organizations, are given in the bibliographies. A copy of the book is held in the Information Services Department and is available for reference at Aslib.

A guide to British government publications by Frank Rodgers. New York: H. W. Wilson, 1980. ISBN 0 8242 0617 7.

Initially, the chauvinistic reader may find it galling that this book should have been written by an American, however if the aversion is overcome, the reader will discover a well researched, readable and informative work. The author spent much time in the UK researching the book and the list of acknowledgements contains the names of many estimable British Librarians.

The work aims to present a broad view of the publications released by British government departments and related agencies. Although the main focus is on central departments, a fairly liberal interpretation of the status of official and quasi-official bodies has been made, and a number of these are included where they have a substantial publishing output.

Following a general introduction to the British Constitution and a broad description of the organization of government publishing activity, the book is divided into 2 other sections one dealing with parliamentary publications and the other with those produced by other agencies.

The parliamentary section describes publication of material emanating from within the Palace of Westminster, including a chapter on parliamentary committees. The activities and publications of a few of the more important committees are described more fully. The section concerned with other agencies is subdivided by broad subject areas including Financial Control, Central Control and Industrial Resources; each section usually, but not always, relating to one department or ministry; and commencing with an overview of the history of the department or ministry involved, followed by descriptions of publishing within the agencies which relate to it, and listing selected publications.

The broad layout is clear and in many cases a reader investigating one agency would not need to use the substantial 50 page main index. The Index is in one sequence of abbreviations, authors, titles, subjects and departments and it would be possible for a user to become confused by the entries, although some attempt has been made to distinguish between entries by using different type-faces. Within the text the casual reader would need to take care of the not always clear distinction between annotations relating to specific publications, and the main text of the work.

The book achieves a very useful purpose in containing a substantial amount of historical material relating to the evolution of, and relationships between the various British government departments and agencies, however, sadly will often be overlooked as a source of this type of information due to its title. Its stated aim is to give details of publications, which it does, but for each agency described it is not always clear whether the total publishing output is listed, or if not, the basis for selection, this hindering its effectiveness as a bibliographic tool. Another criticism is the omission of information regarding sources of supply of the publications listed. A full list would be unnecessary but a reader not accustomed to British government publishing would not find it easy to trace the addresses of some of the agencies.

A copy of this publication is available for reference in the Aslib Information Services Department, should any member wish to consult it prior to ordering. Alternatively, approval copies may be obtained from the UK agent of H. W. Wilson, Thompson Henry Ltd., London Road, Sunningdale, Berks. SL5 0EP.

Information through the printed word: the dissemination of scholarly, scientific and intellectual knowledge. Volume 4: books, journals and bibliographic services. Fritz Machlup and Kenneth Leeson. New York: Praeger, 1980, 314p. ISBN 0 03 056967 2. £18.00.

This is the final volume in the series: Information through the printed word. The volume is divided into 3 parts, and the first part completes an inquiry into book publishing by presenting an analysis of books published in 8 different years in a variety of subject fields. The study of journal publishing in volume 2, is supplemented by the second part of this volume, which deals with the costs incurred, and gross margins obtained by up to 86 scientific and scholarly journals published by learned societies, university presses and commercial publishers. The concluding section deals with 'Bibliographic services abstracting and indexing', which is a survey of the scope, structure and market of the industry. Listed are 23 characteristics of abstracting and indexing publications, which include content, subscription prices, cost breakdowns and numbers of abstracts provided. Revealing facts for book publishing are the findings regarding differences in costs, prices and gross margins for university presses and commercial publishers. In the case of journals, new findings regarding the effect on gross margins of revenues obtained from subscriptions relative to those from advertising and page charges, are discussed.

Signposts for archaeological publication: a guide to good practice in the presentation and printing of archaeological periodicals and monographs. 2nd ed. Council for British Archaeology. London: the Council, 1979, 36p. ISBN 0 900312 939.

This pamphlet has sections on production, which covers such subjects as composition and proofs, estimates, including pricing and sizing, presentation and standardization. Deposit copies and copyright laws are outlined and a section on sales and other possible outlets is included. There is also a useful bibliography and glossary of printing terms. The appendices provide the Council for British Archaeology list of abbreviated titles of current periodicals, and notes for authors.

Videotex in Europe, proceedings of the conference, Luxembourg 19–20 July 1979. Edited by Carlo Vernimb and William Skyvington. Oxford: Learned Information, 1980. 247p. ISBN 0 904933 22 9.

Proceedings of a conference organized by the Commission of European Communities, held in Luxembourg on 19–20 July 1979.

The areas of videotex covered include its development both within and outside the Community, its compatibility with Euronet, the market within the community, and market for business terminals, standards for text communication, character sets for the communication of text, technological environment and competitive and complementary technologies of videotex. The paper on videotex display and information access is well illustrated with both coloured and black and white plates.

The texts of the three discussion sessions on various aspects of videotex are included. There is also a useful terminology section which provides general definitions of videotex, and then existing videotex systems are outlined. There is also a section on operational or planned services (at the time of publishing). Lists of conference participants are also provided.

The computerization of society: a report to the President of France, by Simon Nora and Alain Minc. English translation by Massachusetts Institute of Technology. London: MIT Press, 1980. 186p. ISBN 0 262 14031 4. £7.75.

Originally published as *L'informatisation de la société* by La Documentation Française in 1978, this report was prepared on the orders of Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and aimed at stimulating thinking on how the computerization of society should be carried out. It terms the growing interconnection between computers and telecommunications telematics (télématique), explores the implications of this new technology and proposes a unified national policy to deal with impending changes. The following aspects are considered: the challenges – telematics and new growth, new power games, national independence; points of support – telecommunications, the government and other participants in information processing, the computerization of government information; questions for the future – will a computerized society be a society of cultural conflicts? – planning for an uncertain future: socializing information. Summaries are given of the appendices and supporting documents to the original report and there is a substantial glossary of data communications terms. Daniel Bell contributes an introduction in which he traces the recent development of telematics and places the report in its context of the French political system. Comparisons with and implications for the situation in the USA are drawn.

The seemingly very literal translation of the formal French style does not facilitate comprehension.

Computers for libraries. Jennifer E. Rowley. London: Bingley, 1980. 159p. £4.50. ISBN 0 85157 298 7. (Outlines of modern librarianship.)

The volume provides a good overview of the current scene of computers in libraries. Chapter 1 is an introduction to computers and their uses in libraries. The following chapter deals with the planning and design of computerized library systems and discusses the various phases of operation. Chapter 3 deals with computer systems and consideration is given to external or auxiliary stores, input and output devices, computer processing, networks, wordprocessors and minicomputers and microprocessors. There is a useful table included which is a comparison of the main features of mainframe and minicomputers. Information structure and software is discussed in the following chapter. Consideration is given to databases and computerized information storage and retrieval systems in the following two chapters. The seventh chapter is devoted to current awareness services, and examples of SDI profiles and systems are given. Retrospective searching is discussed and part of the chapter outlines some of the search systems available. The ninth chapter is devoted to printed indexes and discusses the various types. The following two chapters deal with library house keeping operations and acquisition, ordering and cataloguing, systems. Two chapters deal with circulation control and document delivery systems, and discuss the principles of circulation control, the components of a computerized circulation control system and also provide examples of computerized circulation control systems. The concluding chapter deals with serials control. Each chapter has a useful list of further reading.

Cartographic materials in UNIMARC: the proposals of a sub-group of the IFLA Joint Working Group on ISBD (CM). London: IFLA International Office for UBC, 1979. 14p. (IFLA International Office for UBC Occasional Papers no. 5). ISBN 0 903043 22 X. £2.00.

The sub-group consisted of Hugo L. P. Stibbe, David Carrington and Hans van de Waal; it had its first meeting at the 67th SLA Annual Conference, June 1976. 5 coded data fields have been developed for cartographic material: Fields 120 and 121 encode bibliographic and physical characteristics; Field 122 records the date of situation in coded form; Field 123 carries mathematical data information for terrestrial and celestial items; Field 124 categorizes conditions under which cartographic products can be created; Field 206 carries the mathematical data statement.

AEBIG News

A comparative evaluation of alternative systems for the provision of effective access to periodical literature: a report to the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science by Arthur D. Little, Inc. Washington: NCLIS, 1979. [115p].

Reports a 6-week project providing a technical and economic analysis of 3 possible ways of providing access to the historical periodicals literature. The 3 possibilities are: (a) a non-intervention approach, no federal legislation to subsidise a National Periodicals System or Centre; (b) creation of a centralized single-collection National Periodicals Centre as described in the Burgundy Book (1978); (c) creation of a subsidized utility offering locations and performing request switching. The analysis uses 3 sets of criteria: service-related, cost and cost-benefit related and social, long-term considerations. Cost economics by themselves do not provide a rationale for adopting (b) or (c); there are criteria of greater importance.

Basic specifications for a full-text on-line automated newspaper library system. Special Libraries Association, Automation Committee Newspaper Division. Washington: Special Libraries Association, 1980. 32p.

This volume is intended to help those who are planning, or who have already got automated newspaper library systems. The publication contains basic specifications for automated library systems, with suggestions on how to use them. One chapter is devoted to a state of the art in modern newspaper libraries, encompassing both non-automated and automated approaches. A historical perspective of newspaper library automation is given. A useful glossary of terms and a basic reading list on computer-assisted newspaper library systems are appended.

Canadian Subject Headings. National Library of Canada. Hull, Quebec: Canadian Government Publishing Centre, 1979. 395p. ISBN 0 660 10148 3. Cat. no. SN3-106- 1978. $11.95 (outside Canada).

Canadian Subject Headings was developed in response to a need in Canada for standardization in the subject analysis of topics relating to Canada. It is designed to meet the needs of libraries (a) specializing in Canadian materials; (b) using *Library of Congress Subject Headings* but requiring additional or alternative headings to meet the Canadian situation; (c) using subject headings unique to their own needs but with supplementary material of general Canadian interest. It is prepared in accordance with LC principles and practice (though should be easily usuable by those unfamiliar with LC subject headings) and is based on examination of the catalogues of a range of libraries, from large public to highly specialized. As well as headings dealing with Canadian topics in detail it includes a selection from various fields where there is a considerable body of Canadian material (*eg* mines and mineral resources). It includes name headings but no personal names. Its relationship to its predecessor, *A list of Canadian Subject Headings (1968),* and to *Library of Congress Subject Headings,* is indicated in the introduction. Although intended to serve as the English language standard for subject control of Canadian topics, it contains English—French and French—English indexes.

Aslib Economic and Business Information Group

Please send all contributions for this section to: Paul Neville, Industrial Affairs Specialist, BBC, Broadcasting House, Room 2, 1 Duchess Street, London W1A 1AA. Tel: 01 580 4468 ex. 4398.

North of Watford

A seminar on 'Selling Your Library Service' will take place on Wednesday 8 April at Leeds City Museum. In times of economic uncertainty librarians need to make both actual and potential users aware of the importance and value of their services to industry in general. This seminar aims to show ways in which the British Overseas Trade Board markets its own services.

Speakers will include Jack Lister (Director (Exports), British Overseas Trade Board, Yorkshire & Humberside Region), Lawrence Tagg (Commercial and Technical Librarian, Newcastle-upon-Tyne Public Library) and Alistair McKinna (Commercial Information Officer, GKN Group Technological Centre, Wolverhampton).

Cost to AEBIG members £7.50, non-members £10.00. Further details from: Terry Hanstock, Sheffield City Libraries. Tel: 0742 734742-3 Telex: 54243.

City Information Group

Events planned by the City Group include a visit to St Paul's; an evening meeting with presentations by librarians from different professional sectors — banking, stock broking, insurance etc.; and a wine tasting. Details will be sent to those on the City Group mailing list. If you would like to be added to the list, please contact Nigel Oxbrow, Alan Armstrong & Associates Ltd., London Business School, Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4SA. Tel: 01-262 5050 Ext 422.

Committee news

AEBIG's Treasurer, John Cox, is the latest committee member to change jobs. From 2 March, John becomes Development and Research Manager at Chas. E. Goad Ltd, 18a Salisbury Square, Old Hatfield, Herts. Tel: Hatfield 71171.

Research projects

The committee has discussed the possibility of funding research relevant to the needs of business librarians and information scientists. We would be pleased to receive suggestions for research topics from members, bearing in mind that funding would necessarily be limited. Ideas may be sent to Paul Neville — address and telephone at the head of this column.

Bargain basement

A set of bound volumes of *British Tax Review* 1961—67 is available for postage cost only or collection from: Sylvia Webb, Ashridge Management College, Berkhamsted, Herts HP4 1NS. Tel: (044284) 3491 Ext 384.

Williams & Glyn's Bank have the following books for disposal, there is no charge but collection must be arranged from Mrs T. L. Palmer, Library, 67 Lombard Street, London, EC3P 3DL. Tel: 626 5400 Ext 675.

Who Owns What in World Banking 1979
Arab Shipping 1979
Seatrade U.S. Yearbook 1979
Banking & Sources of Finance in the European Community 1979
Middle East Financial Directory 1979
The Hambro Tax Guide 1979—80
Investment Trust Year Book 1979
International Fund Guide 1979
Merchant Banking in the Far East 2nd edition
Latin American Shipping 1979
Banking Structures and Sources of Finance in the Far East 3rd edition
Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research Annual Research Report 1979

Current Awareness List

*All the items listed are recent additions to the Aslib Library and are available from the Library — books on loan and articles as photocopies at £0.10 a page + VAT (or one BLLD form per article). Please quote item number on requests. Items marked * are for reference only, but Aslib publications may be purchased from the Publications Sales Department. Material is arranged in the following broad subject categories.*

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LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTRES
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LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION
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SUBJECT DOCUMENTATION
Information sources
Special collections
Information for specific industries

USERS
User needs
User studies
User training
Service to special user groups

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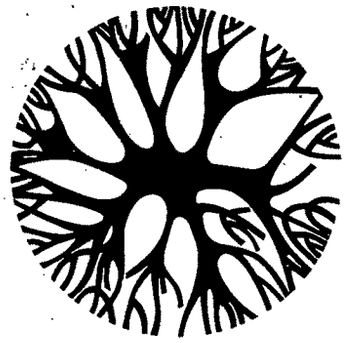

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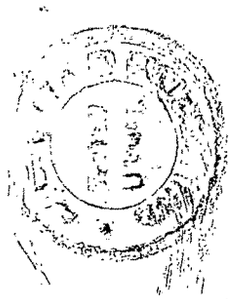

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Leaflet with March issue

19/22 Mon/Fri — Aslib Course: Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
Aslib
Fee £100; Aslib members £75
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

28/29 Thurs/Fri — Aslib Course: An Introduction to Universal Decimal Classification
Aslib
Fee £55; Aslib members £40
Details and application form in February issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

JUNE

*3 Wed — Computer Group Evening Meeting
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

4 Thurs — Current affairs information: a Conference
Geological Society of London, Burlington House, W1
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Programme and registration form with March issue

4 Thurs All Day — Audiovisual Group Meeting: an Audio Day
am Sound Archives
Imperial War Museum.
pm Maintenance of Sound Equipment
Polytechnic of South Bank
Contact: Mrs B. Smith, London College of Fashion, 20 John Princes Street, London W1M 9HE
Tel: 01 629 9401

15/16 Mon/Tues — Aslib Course: Official Publications
Aslib
Fee: £80; Aslib members £65
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
Note change of date

9 Tues 18.00 — Aslib 14th Annual Lecture
Royal Aeronautical Society
4 Hamilton Place, London W1
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

*18 Thurs — Chemical Group Meeting and Visit: Archives and Record Management System, BP, Britannic House, Moor Lane, London EC2
Contact: Frances Tait, BBC, Broadcasting House, Room 3, 1 Duchess Street, London W1A 1AA

19 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group Meeting: Report on FIT Congress, Warsaw
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib

22/23 Mon/Tues — Aslib Course: Computer Produced Indexes
Aslib
Fee £90; Aslib members £70
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

JULY

*3/6 Fri/Mon — Aslib/LA Audiovisual Groups Joint Study School and Conference
Loughborough University
Contact: Roy McKeown, Leicester Polytechnic Library Tel: 0533 551551
Details later

15 Wed — Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group whole day visit: ICI Plant Protection Division Jealott's Hill Research Station, Bracknell, Berks
Contact: Susan Childs, Basement flat 1A, 8 Palmeira Square, Hove, Sussex BN3 2DB

SEPTEMBER

18 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group Meeting
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

22/25 Tues/Fri — Aslib 54th Annual Conference: Information '81: forecasts and realities
University of Oxford
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Programme and registration form with March issue

29/Oct 2 Tues/Fri — Aslib Course: Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
Aslib
Fee: £100; Aslib members £75
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

OCTOBER

*7 Wed — Getting the most out of EURONET: a seminar for online users
Imperial College, London SW7
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

16 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group Meeting
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

26–30 Mon/Fri — Aslib Course: Senior Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
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Fee £120; Aslib members £90
Details and application form later
Contact Education Officer, Aslib

NOVEMBER

13 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group Meeting
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

*18 Wed — Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group one-day workshop: Agricultural, biological and medical periodicals — resource sharing
Aslib
Contact: Susan Childs, Basement flat 1A, 8 Palmeira Square, Hove, Sussex BN3 2JB

23/27 Mon/Fri — Aslib Course: Business Information
Aslib
Fee: £120; Aslib members £90
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

DECEMBER

4 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group Meeting
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib

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Aslib Activities

HEADQUARTERS

Library Advisory Council appointment

Miss Gillian Dare, Head of Library and Information Services, British Institute of Management and a member of Aslib Council, has been appointed to the Library Advisory Council (England) of the Office of Arts and Libraries.

Information Management and Organizational Change: a Conference
6–8 April 1981, London Tara Hotel

This is a conference that should not be missed. It aims to meet the hardness of the times with ideas that could develop information management into a more dynamic and creative force in the operation of an organization.

Looking at organizational factors; the technology; people and professional aspects; and information management in the outside world are a distinguished galaxy of speakers: Alexis Lamy (Essochem Europe); Dr D. G. Rowlands (Unilever Research); C. D. Moore (Pilkington Brothers); Dr Emma Bird (Urwick Nexos Limited); Dr Claus Suhr (BASF Aktiengesellschaft); Dr Patricia Layzell Ward (CLAIM); Margaret Slater and P. H. Vickers (Aslib), Alan Gilchrist; Dr D. Lewis (ICI); while Aslib's President, Lord Kearton will open the conference with a keynote address. With the level of audience expected, the discussion workshops in the second evening should be as exciting and fruitful as any part of the programme and hopefully will lead to some emerging ideas and directives for action in the restatement and synthesis in the final session.

Even at this late date bookings can be accepted. The contact for further information and copies of the programme and registration form is the Conference Organizer, Aslib.

Profit from a good relationship – the librarian and the scholarly publisher: a seminar
30 April 1981, The Institution of Mechanical Engineers, 1 Birdcage Walk, London SW1

With the extension by institutions and societies of their publishing activities beyond their own memberships to a more general public, the librarian has emerged as a highly significant link in the chain of communication between the scholarly publisher and the reader.

The purpose of this seminar is to examine how that link can be strengthened by studying those problems of librarians which are generated by publishers' policies and procedures, to seek solutions and to provide a better understanding by librarians of the rising tide of problems which beset the publisher.

The function of the librarian – especially the academic librarian – as a customer of the scholarly publishers has become vitally important and accordingly the seminar will study the routines involved in this supplier/customer relationship in an attempt to determine how improvements can be effected. A nice balance of interest between the two parties is maintained with D. F. W. Hawes (Polytechnic of the South Bank), Mrs Doris Palmer (Smith, Kline and French Ltd) and Mrs S. Godbolt (Charing Cross Hospital Medical School Library) holding the ring for the librarian and William Askew (Past President, ALPSP), Oliver Ball (Marketing Manager, Books, IEE), Malcolm Clarke (Institute of Physics) and John Merriman (Association of Subscription Agents) putting the publishers' case. John Lamble (University of Bath) will open with a review of the relationship and Professor Jack Meadows (Primary Communications Research Centre, Leicester) will be in the chair.

Aslib is co-operating with the Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers and the Primary Communications Research Centre in organizing this seminar, which should be of as much interest to librarians as to publishers. A programme was distributed in March and further copies can be obtained from the Conference Organizer Aslib, or from R. J. Millson, 30 Austenwood Close, Chalfont St Peter, Gerrards Cross, Bucks SL9 9DE, to whom applications to attend should be addressed.

Current affairs information – resources and needs: a conference
4th June 1981, The Geological Society of London, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1

Information of a very immediate nature, its need and how this is met, is the theme of this conference, a topic to which we believe Aslib should pay increasing attention and could be of real help to members. Aimed at an audience drawn from government departments, local government, industrial libraries and information units, banks and finance houses, public libraries and the media, the programme will look at the sources and services that exist to meet the need for 'instant information' over a very wide front: Parliament and government – in the UK (Chris Pond of the House of Commons Library) and in the European Community (Gian Carlo Pau, CEC, London); international affairs (Alan George, Unilever Limited); local government and current aspects of the local scene (Alan Peacock, Cheshire County Council); company and financial information (Mrs Thelma Palmer, Williams, Glyn and Company); topical information in the field of employment and labour relations (Eric Suter, Labour Law Adviser to the Institute of Personnel Management); and the media (Geoffrey Whatmore, BBC). How these sources are used, what problems there are and what the user would like will be discussed.

The programme and registration form were distributed with the March issue of *Aslib Information;* further copies and information can be obtained from the Conference Organizer, Aslib.

Aslib 54th Annual Conference: Information '81: forecasts and realities
22–25 September 1981, University of Oxford

The advance programme and registration form for Aslib's 54th Annual Conference, to be held from 22–25 September in the University of Oxford, was published and distributed last month.

The programme lists a distinguished array of speakers, including – to name a few: John Osborn, MP, and Professor Dr Peter Canisius in the session on national information policy; Martin Rowat (BHRA Fluid Engineering) on microcomputers in libraries and information departments; Robert Maxwell on data retrieval systems and international publishing; Dr C. F. Tapper, a Fellow of Magdalen, on closed or open computerised systems; Martin Aylward (Financial Times Business Information Limited) on the thorny question to charge or not to charge: who pays for information? Denis de Freitas, Chairman of the British Copyright Council, will meet Dr R. A. Wall (Loughborough University) in debate on copyright, the provisions and implications of the new Act; while Professor T. Stonier (University of Bradford and author of *Wealth of Information*) will close the conference with a look at the electronic future: its impact on work and society. The title chosen – *Information '81: forecasts and realities*, gives scope for a detailed look at topics that will be of special interest and urgency in September and to present up-to-the-minute statements of progress, developments and prospects in these fields in both a practical and speculative vein.

An exhibition will run concurrently with the conference, conveniently located in the Department of Zoology, where the sessions will be held. Being Oxford, the choice of visists is particularly attractive, with a tour of the City and Colleges, of Blenheim Palace and Broughton Castle as well as a number of more professional interest – AERE Harwell; the Research and Development Division of Metal Box Ltd; the Nature Conservancy Council at Banbury; Blackwells' automated systems and Pergamon Press. Contact for further information and copies of the programme: The Conference Organizer Aslib.

Getting the most out of EURONET: a seminar for online users
7 October 1981, Imperial College, London

Arranged with the cooperation of EURONET/DIANE, this seminar is intended for online users of some experience. It offers a unique opportunity to study how EURONET could be of use to them, the facilities provided by a variety of hosts, how to compare and assess them, and how to gain the maximum benefit from the services available. Watch this space for more detailed information about hosts and arrangements generally and look out for the programme and registration form which will be published later in the year. Contact for further information is The Conference Organizer, Aslib.

THE EDUCATION OF USERS OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES:
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This guide lists commercial services, available on an unrestricted basis, which provide information in response to direct enquiries. The stimulus for the compilation of the guide arose from a recognition of the need to update *A Guide to Selected British Non-computer-based Commercially-available Information Services*, published by Aslib in 1975.

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Aslib Economic and Business Information Group

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Hurry, hurry, hurry

Information sources for Marketing and Management Consultants: a one-day seminar at the University of Warwick on *16 April 1981.* The seminar will consider the consultant's needs and examine the range of information services available, from public libraries to computer-based services. Each participant will receive a checklist of the services covered together with the seminar papers. Cost including lunch is £25 and details are available from David Mort or Jenny Munro, Warwick Statistics Service, University of Warwick Library, Coventry CV4 7AL. Tel: (0203) 62530.

A seminar entitled *Online Information Retrieval and the Law Librarian* may be of interest to members who deal with legal information and have some experience of online techniques. This is a two-day course in London on 13 and 14 May 1981. Details from: Short Course Organizer, Polytechnic of North London, School of Librarianship, 207 Essex Road, London N1.

Hints to Exporters

The Chairman of AEBIG wrote to the British Overseas Trade Board voicing the Group's concern over the limited availablilty to libraries of the *Hints to Exporters* series of booklets. Only those libraries which subscribed when a charge was introduced seemed to be receiving copies now. The B.O.T.B. replied as follows:

'The constraint on the distribution of the booklets in common with other changes in the Government's export services, stems, as I am sure you appreciate, from the need to reduce public expenditure. In effect we now have a more limited budget – in terms of copies of 'Hints to Exporters' available – than was previously so. In these circumstances it is necessary to restrict the booklets primarily to those who have a specific and immediate need, ie exporters planning overseas business visits. Even so, our total distribution is well in excess of 100,000 copies a year.

At the same time we recognised the desirability of having some copies available at local, business, reference centres and to meet this point we have continued to supply sets to Chambers of Commerce and to over 250 public libraries. It is true that we have tended to confine issues to libraries to those which previously purchased copies (a useful test of their local value), but we are not inflexible in this respect; we are always ready to consider a request from a public library which, for example, has extended its facilities to include a commercial section for the benefit of local business interests.

Although there is no immediate prospect of a relaxation of the current restrictions on the distribution of 'Hints to Exporters' booklets, we are grateful for your interest and for letting us know your views.'

Publications

Former chairmen of AEBIG are well represented in recent publications. The immediate past Chairman, Gillian Dare has compiled with Ken Bakewell *The Manager's Guide to Getting the Answers.* Designed to show managers how they can use published and other sources of information, the pamphlet includes twenty-two case studies of typical questions and advice on finding the answers. Excellent value at £1.95 from The Library Association, 7 Ridgmount Street, London WC1E 7AE.

Ken Vernon, another former AEBIG Chairman is co-editor with Milan Kubr of the revised edition of *Management, administration and productivity,* an international directory of institutions and information sources. This volume lists over 2,300 institutions from 140 countries and 1,000 key information sources in the fields of management, public administration, productivity improvement, education and training. Published by the ILO it is available in the UK from International Labour Office, 96/98 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4LY at £8.15 including postage and packing.

Another listing of institutions and sources is to be found in *The U.K. Business Relocation Handbook.* The first section lists assistance schemes available to firms expanding or moving in the U.K. Whilst the second part, broken down by area, contains organizations seeking to attract business investment. 196 pages at £15.00 plus £2.00 postage and packing from Parrish-Rogers International, Billing Brook Road, Weston Farell, Northampton NN3 4NW. Tel: 0604 407288.

Common Market Signposts is, as its title suggests, another attempt to make sense of the EEC's output. Regular bulletins provide editorial analysis of EEC trends, plus classified bibliographical references to a wide range of current documents including Parliamentary Working papers, European case law reports and press comments in addition to all official Community publications. These are backed up by coverage of Commission 'grey literature', early warning of new proposals, annual Librarians Guide to the EEC and a document delivery service. Annual subscription is £90 from ECI Services, 88–90 Grays Inn Road, London WC1. For a sample copy contact the Editor, Caroline Heller, 01-242 8088.

AEBIG Book Club

Three offers from Business International this month for collection from their Hammersmith office.

Bankers Almanack and Yearbook 1979–80: Skinner
Africa South of the Sahara 1979–80: Europa
British Exports 80 – 3 vols: Kompass.

Contact John Dickson, BI UK Ltd., Banda House, Cambridge Grove, London W6 0LN. Tel: 01 741 4661.

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Bibl—1518
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Black current (Ribes nigrum) 1971—1979. 1980. 560 refs. U.K. £7.00. Overseas £8.40.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl—1519
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Eggplant: seed germination 1969—1977. 1980. 21 refs. U.K. £2.50. Overseas £3.00
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl—1520
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Growing Corylus supp. (hazels, cobnuts, filberts) 1972—1979. 1980. 222 refs. U.K. £5.50. Overseas £6.60.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl—1521
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Pistachio (Pistacia vera) and allied species 1971—1979. 1980. 119 refs. U.K. £4.50. Overseas £5.40.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl—1522
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Spinach: seed germination 1969—1979. 1980. 14 refs. U.K. £2.50. Overseas £3.00.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl—1523
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
The measurement of soil structure and porosity (1971—1976). (Supplement to No. S1517). 1978. 33 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA 1965. U.K. £3.00. Overseas £3.60.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1524
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Organic matter in tropical soils (1965—1976). 1978. 34 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA 1962. U.K. £3.00. Overseas £3.60.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1525
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Savanna soils (1970—1977). (Supplement to No. S141R). 1978. 119 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA 1961. U.K. £4.50. Overseas £5.40.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1526
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Use of gypsum as fertilizer and amendment (1969—1976). (Supplement to No. S1357R). 1978. 156 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SB 1963. U.K. £5.00. Overseas £6.00.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1527
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Yeasts in soil (1957—1976). 1978. 70 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA 1966. U.K. £4.50. Overseas £5.40.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1528
Department of Employment Library.
Expenditure Committee Reports (+ government observations), Sessions 1975—76 to 1977—78. 1979. 18 pages. Library Checklist: CL110 — 1979(2).
Available from: Department of Employment Library, 12 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LL.

Bibl—1529
Department of Employment Library.
Industrial archaeology: a selected list of books and pamphlets. 1979. 8 pages. Library Checklist: CL109 — 1979(1).
Available from: Department of Employment Library, 12 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LL.

Bibl—1530
Department of Employment Library.
Industrial democracy — books and pamphlets. 1979. 23 pages. Library Checklist: CL69—1979(11).
Available from: Department of Employment Library, 12 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LL.

Bibl—1531
Department of Employment Library.
Regional development. 1979. 13 pages.
Library Checklist: CL14—1979(12).
Available from: Department of Employment Library, 12 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LL.

Bibl—1532
Department of Employment Library.
Vocational guidance, 1979. 23 pages. Library Checklist: CL61—1979(11).
Available from: Department of Employment Library, 12 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LL.

Bibl—1533
Department of Employment Library.
White-collar unions. 1979. 6 pages. Libary Checklist: CL117—1979(12).
Available from: Department of Employment Library, 12 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LL.

Bibl—1534
Department of Employment. Work Research Unit.
Job redesign: the effects on supervisors. 1979. 5 pages. Work Research Unit Bibliography No. 17.
Available from: Work Research Unit, Department of Employment, Almack House, 26 King Street, London SW1Y 6RB.

Bibl—1535
Department of Employment, Work Research Unit.
Trades unions and work organization. 1979. 6 pages. Work Research Unit Bibliography No. 28.
Available from: Work Research Unit, Department of Employment Almack House, 26 King Street, London SW1Y 6RB.

Bibl—1536
Department of Health and Social Security Library.
Selected references on hospital bed requirements (1975—79). 1979. 42 refs. Bibliography Series B124.
Available from: Department of Health and Social Security Library. Alexander Fleming House, Elephant and Castle, London SE1 6BY.

Bibl—1537
Department of Health and Social Security Library.
Selected references on joint planning and joint finance in the health and social services. 1979. 23 refs. Bibliography Series B123.
Available from: Department of Health and Social Security Library, Alexander Fleming House, Elephant and Castle, London SE1 6BY.

Bibl—1538
Departments of Environment and Transport.
Green belts: a revised list of material based on the DOE/DT Library. 1979. 291 refs. Library Bibliography 117. £2.00 + postage.
Available from: The Library, Department of the Environment and Department of Transport, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB.

Bibl—1539
Departments of the Environment and Transport.
Structure and local plan documents added to the DOE/DTp Library. Structure and local plan documents. Supplement No. 2 1977—1978. 1979. 42 pages. Bibliography No. 152A. Supplement No. 2.
Available from: The Library, Department of the Environment and Department of Transport, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB.

Bibl—1540
North Staffordshire Polytechnic Library. Information Services.
Computer solution of network analysis problems: with particular reference to mine ventilation & similar systems: a selective bibliography. 1979. 14 refs. NSP/BIB/5 — Suppl.
Available from: The Library, North Staffordshire Polytechnic, Beaconside, Stafford.

Bibl—1541
North Staffordshire Polytechnic Library, Information Services.
Radio communication by 'leaky feeder', with particular reference to the use of this principle in coal mines: a selective bibliography. 1979. 15 refs. NSP/BIB/6 — Suppl.
Available from: The Library, North Staffordshire Polytechnic, Beaconside, Stafford.

Bibl—1542
Office of Population Censuses and Surveys Library.
Migration and the UK: some general works. 1979. 6 pages.
Available from: Office of Population Censuses and Surveys Library, St Catherines House, 10 Kingsway, London SW2B 6JP.

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In Part Two, there is a directory of issuing bodies with details. Finally, in Part Three, there is a subject classification of the material according to a seven-part indexing system which enables the user to search for material in his area of interest or study.

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- **date of publication and approximate page extent**

The directory concludes with two indexes. The first lists all the sources alphabetically irrespective of country or coverage. The second provides a subject breakdown, and within each subject category the source titles appear alphabetically by country.

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IDT 81 – Information, Documentation, Télématique

Information, Documentation, Télématique is the title given to the 4th biennial congress organized by the Association Française des Documentalistes et des Bibliothécaires Spécialisés (ADBS) and the Association Nationale de la Recherche Technique (ANRT) with the participation of the French Group of Database Producers at Versailles from 13–15 May 1981.

In eight sessions – and with a distinguished team of speakers – the programme looks at full text and factual data banks; the architecture of information networks; new products for information and documentation; access to source documents; education and training of users; the information market; information systems of the future; evaluation of the use of databases and databanks. Demonstrations and an exhibition accompany this wide-ranging programme and the 800 or so delegates will be entertained to an evening reception in the Centre Georges-Pompidou on 14 May.

For further details and registration apply to: ACCER, 12 avenue Pierre Ier de Serbie, BP45-16 75761 Paris Cedex 16, Tel: (1) 720 72 86.

Online information conference

The British Library is organizing an international conference on the subject 'Online information in public libraries' to be held at Banbury in Oxfordshire on 8–10 September 1981.

The purpose of the conference is to discuss recent research into the provision of online information services in public libraries in the United Kingdom and other countries, as well as to discuss wider related issues such as charging for such services. An optional Study Tour is being organized to complement the conference during which a number of public libraries may be visited to see online services in operation. Speakers are to be drawn from the United Kingdom and overseas and will include senior public librarians and research workers.

The British Library's Research and Development Department has assisted developments in this field by sponsoring research projects in a number of public libraries. These have been concerned with online information systems and videotex services, such as Prestel, which extend or complement the range of the services the libraries offer. The conference will provide an opportunity to share the practical information resulting from these projects and to learn from others.

Further information is available from Mr N. Moore, The British Library Research and Development Department, Sheraton House, Great Chapel Street, London W1V 4BH.

INSPEC seminar

A one day seminar for users of the INSPEC database has been scheduled for 22 May at the Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London. The seminar is designed for searchers with a basic knowledge of online systems who wish to learn how to use INSPEC more effectively.

The programme will include introduction and background to INSPEC; subject coverage and selection criteria; record content; subject indexing; search techniques and strategy development. The seminar is offered free of charge and early reservation of places is recommended as places are limited.

Enquiries and registration to: Ms. Mary Wright, INSPEC User Education Dept., Station House, Nightingale Road, Hitchin, Herts. SG5 1RS. Tel: Hitchin (0462) 53331.

Information Science courses

'The Library and the Computer' is one of the courses offered to students on this year's International Graduate Summer School at the College of Librarianship Wales. The course, which will be directed by Dr D. O. Harris of CLW, will include an introduction to basic computer concepts and to the newer technology of microprocessors and data communication networks. In 'Problems of Information Science', also offered in the Summer School, Dr Anthony Debons, of the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences, will examine the challenge facing information scientists and librarians from an international standpoint. In particular, the course will be concerned with the influence of such challenges on the career development of information professionals.

The Summer School, which includes a mid-term Study Tour, will be held 6 July–29 August 1981. Further information is available from: Richard Downing, College of Librarianship Wales, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Dyfed, SY23 3AS, Wales. Tel: Aberystwyth (0970) 3181. Telex: 35391 (CLW G).

Prestel developments

This one-day meeting, organized by the Institute of Information Scientists, Southern Branch, will be held on Friday, 24 April 1981 at the Geological Society in Piccadilly. The speakers will include representatives from Fintel, TeleWhich, the British Tourist Authority, the British Library, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham and the Post Office.

The registration fee is £30 plus VAT for members of the Institute of Information Scientists and £35 plus VAT for non-members. This fee includes lunch, which will be served in the lower library of the Geological Society, and refreshments. For further details please contact: Ms Janet Marsh, Scientific Information Centre, British Gas Corporation, Watson House, Peterborough Road, London SW6 3HN. Tel: 01-736 1212 ext. 6282.

Indexing in Perspective

The National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services will present a three-day seminar entitled 'Indexing in Perspective: traditional to computerized retrieval systems' in Atlanta, Georgia, at the Atlanta Hilton Hotel, Courtland and Harris Streets, N.E., 10–12 June 1981, prior to the Special Libraries Association's Annual Conference.

The seminar will cover vocabularies used in indexing; indexing systems and formats; and the effects of indexing on the retrieval process. Emphasis will be placed on relating indexing developments of the past 20 years to the fields of information and library science; against this background lecture specific case histories will be presented and discussed. The registration fee for the three-day seminar is $295 ($245 for NFAIS members). The course is designed to provide an historical perspective on the field of indexing. The seminar is divided into three days: Vocabulary, Indexing Formats, and Retrieval. A perspective lecture is given each morning followed by a case history related to the day's topic.

For further information contact: The National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services, 112 South 16th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102 U.S.A., Tel: (215) 563-2406.

Catalogue research course

'Research techniques for studying the library catalogue and its use' is a practical course to be held at the University of Stirling from Tuesday, 30 June to Friday, 3 July 1981.

The aim of the course is to give instruction in how to measure in an effective and inexpensive manner the performance of the local catalogue and in how to assess the needs of its users. Much of this instruction will be based on the current and previous work at Bath. Attendance will be limited to 25 persons as a good deal of practical work will be undertaken, both individually and in groups, therefore early application is advised.

The course is particularly intended for those with little or no statistical knowledge or previous research experience. Topics covered will include the collection of data; use of statistical techniques; the measurement of users' needs through the use of questionnaires and interviews; experimental techniques for determining the usability of library catalogues; and data analysis and decision making.

The fee for the course is £98 and the closing date for bookings is 29 May 1981. Bookings and correspondence should be

addressed to: Philip Bryant, Centre for Catalogue Research, The Library, University of Bath, Claverton Down, Bath, BA2 7AY. Tel: Bath 61244 ext. 580. Telex: 449097.

Information from patents

The British Library's Science Reference Library is organizing a one day conference 'Ideas for development: management's use of information from patents', to be held at the Liverpool Central Library on Wednesday, 8 April 1981.

The conference is aimed at senior technical and commercial management; its purpose is to show the value of the vast range of practical techno-commercial information which can be obtained from patents. At present this source of information is under-used. The speakers will show why patents are important as a source of ideas for new products and new markets, how the information they reveal can be used, and where to find patents resources in the UK, including the use of the UK Patents Information Network.

Speakers at the conference will include Sir Fred Dainton FRS, Chairman of the British Library Board, Mr John Prentice, formerly Science and Technology Counsellor at the UK Embassy in Tokyo, Dr Peter Kirby, Welwyn Electronics Ltd, Mr T. V. Jackson, Pilkington Bros Ltd, and Mr Ralph Malbon, City Librarian, Liverpool.

The conference fee is £40.00 plus VAT (to include lunch and light refreshment). Further information and application form from External Relations Section, The British Library, Science Reference Library, 25 Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane, London WC2 1AW. Tel: 01-405 8721 ext. 3427. Telex: 266959.

Central Information Service courses

A series of courses will be held by CIS, University of London and are aimed specifically at librarians and information officers and will be repeated throughout the year. The courses and the dates they are to be held are as follows:

Microcomputers and Information	22–22 May 1981
BASIC for Librarians	1–3 April 1981
	13–15 July 1981
Introduction to the Hardware and	28–29 April 1981
Software of Microprocessors	19–20 May 1981
	16–17 June 1981

The courses are held in Senate House, University of London, and further details are available from: Mrs Alina Vickery, Central Information Service, University of London, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU. Tel: 01-636 4514 ext. 947.

Energy and environment information

A three-day seminar entitled 'Online and otherwise: energy and environment information' will be held in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, at the Faculty of Library Science, University of Alberta, in Edmonton, on 24–26 June 1981.

The seminar will cover problems, needs and sources of energy and environment information; documentary sources, special materials; institutional sources; and computerized systems and services. The final session will consist of online searching.

The registration fee for the 3-day seminar is $295 ($245 for NFAIS members).

The course is designed to provide a general background of the multi-disciplinary characteristics of energy/environment information, and a perspective on energy/environment information as a total communication process, including the component phases of production, processing, storage, dissemination and utilization.

For registration information contact: The National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services, 112 South 16th Street, 11th Floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102. Tel: (215) 563-2406.

NOTES

ACOMPLINE

The Greater London Council's research library – one of the biggest local government libraries in the world – is going international. Researchers, academics, industrialists and businessmen from all over the world can now get an instant A to Z index to the GLC's vast range of local and regional government information.

The GLC, through its central computing service, is feeding the titles of its 80,000 reference books, reports, memoranda and articles into an information databank based in Rome and run by the European Space Agency, who will pay County Hall commission according to demand for the service. Customers, linked to the online databank by computer terminal and telephone, can find out the titles and a brief synopsis of virtually every book, article and paper written about any local government subject – from housing and transport to air pollution and planning. The appropriate material can then be obtained in the usual way from major librarians or, as last resort, from the GLC research library itself.

Known as ACOMPLINE, and available through the new telecommunications system, Euronet, it will be the first major online computerised bibliographic information service on local and regional government anywhere in the world.

For further information contact: Penny Farmer, GLC Research Library, County Hall, London SE1 7PB. Tel: 01 633 7081.

BBC DATA

BBC DATA has introduced a subscription enquiry service which will give its users access to the exclusive information resources of the British Broadcasting Corporation. This new service has come into operation recently and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Businessmen, journalists, librarians and information specialists will be able to obtain fast and up-to-date information from BBC DATA's own professional staff.

BBC DATA's resources include: 14 million classified and indexed press cuttings from the British national and provincial newspapers; complete indexed collections of news bulletins broadcast on BBC Radio, Television and External Services; indexed scripts of all broadcast talks and documentaries from pre-war days to the present time; more than six million pictures on all subjects; and numerous specialist indexes covering such diverse matters as pronunciation, international personalities, events and affairs, poetry, drama and music.

For further information, contact: Richard Hewlett, General Manager, BBC Data, The Langham, London W1A 1AA. Tel: 01 580 4468 ext. 2886.

New European Contracts for NCC

The EEC has awarded two important new contracts for collaborative work between The National Computing Centre, the German Institute – Gessellschaft Fur Mathematik und Datenverarbeitung (GMD), and the French Institute – Agence de l'Informatique (ADI). The subject areas of the contracts are Privacy and Security concerning computer systems and Methods and Techniques for Systems Analysis and Programming.

The work on Privacy and Security, which will be undertaken by all three partners, will cover topics such as: the need for harmonization of legislation recommendations and standards on privacy; improved control of computer data security, including its technical feasibility and financial implications; and the impact of privacy and security measures.

The work on Methods and Techniques for Systems Analysis and Programming will be carried out jointly by NCC and GMD, and will cover such topics as: means of specifying and validating software systems; means for producing software

against a specification of requirements; effective methods for users to compare alternative means of producing software; and awareness training and technology transfer.

The contracts mark a major extension of earlier work carried out and confirm the importance of collaboration between European Centres. Through such collaboration the UK will gain from experience in other countries in the Community and from an effective multiplication of the resources it devotes to this work itself.

Social Sciences Index

As a result of voting by subscribers, the H. W. Wilson Company of New York have recently extended the coverage of *Social Sciences Index,* particularly in the subject fields of economics, law and criminology, psychology and sociology. From 1981 therefore, the Index will provide cover to cover indexing of 308 periodicals as against 260: an increase of 18%.

Further information is available from Thompson Henry Limited, Sunningdale, Berks, SL5 0EP. Tel: Ascot 24615.

European online service extended

Microinfo Ltd., has announced an extension of its agreement with the Information Retrieval Service (IRS) of the European Space Agency, which provides an online ordering service for IRS users in several European countries.

IRS users with suitable terminals can access information on NTIS report literature held on computer files at IRS Headquarters in Frascati near Rome. If they wish to place orders for paper or microfiche copies of specific titles, they can enter instructions via their remote computer terminals. Later the same day, Microinfo can communicate with the Frascati computer and retrieve the orders quickly and with little likelihood of transcription errors — an important advantage since many thousands of US Government documents have very similar titles and identification data.

This service has been provided for some time to IRS users in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Norway, Sweden and United Kingdom. The new agreement extends the service to Austria, West Germany and The Netherlands.

Database access project

Due to the interest and support of several member organizations, the National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services is conducting a study of the distribution/access alternatives considered and selected by database producers in making their data bases available to users. About a hundred database producers will be contacted and invited to participate, including not-for-profit, governmental, and commercial organizations.

The study addresses a common problem faced by virtually every organization that builds a machine-readable database — the question of how to provide access for a given file to the broadest and most appropriate audience. The study results will prove especially valuable in providing an assessment of the state of the art of database distribution and a greater perspective, both to organizations who are now distributing information in machine readable form and to organizations who are considering computerized access.

For further information contact: The National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services, 112 South 16th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102, U.S.A. Tel: (215) 563–2406.

BSI ROOT Thesaurus

The classificatory approach to thesaurus construction has been taken a step further in the new *BSI ROOT Thesaurus* produced by the Technical Help to Exporters Department of the British Standards Institution. The subject display section of the thesaurus shows the terms in classified order, in much the style of Thesaurofacet. The judicious use of facet indicators with changes of type style and indentation clarify the relationships between terms and help to define the scope of each. Full cross-references are shown to related descriptors in other schedules or arrays. All these features encourage consistent usage by indexers and searchers.

The thesaurus is held on computer and a unique suite of programs has been developed to generate the alphabetical list automatically from the subject display schedules. The machine derives information about the relationships between terms, from their layout and liberal cross-references, and is able to provide each descriptor in the alphabetical list with its complete set of broader, narrower and related terms.

The advantage of this systematic construction method is that it simplifies the process of updating and expansion. After amendments are inserted on the file a whole new subject display and corresponding alphabetical list can be generated automatically. In a similar way variants of the parent thesaurus can easily be produced, omitting whole sections and incorporating extra details in others.

For further details contact the BSI English Language Agency, Technical Help to Exporters, Maylands Avenue, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP2 4SQ. Tel: 0442 3111. Telex: 82424.

Periodicals and Serials

British Book News is planning to broaden its coverage by publishing a regular column on serials and periodicals. This will appear monthly, starting in August this year, and will be written by a leading bibliographer, Mr David Woodworth, Sneior Lecturer in the School of Librarianship, Loughborough Technical College, and Associate Lecturer, Department of Library and Information Studies, University of Technology, Loughborough. He is Secretary of the UK Serials Group and his publications include *Guide to British Journals* (Library Association).

Specimen copies of periodicals and serials, especially first issues, should be sent to Mr Woodworth at the School of Librarianship, Loughborough Technical College, Radmoor, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 3BT.

PUBLICATIONS

Reviews

The nationwide provision and use of information: Aslib/IIS/LA Joint Conference 15–19 September 1980, Sheffield. London: the Library Association, 1981. 414p. £12.50. ISBN 0 85365 563 4.

The presidential address given by Professor Saunders at the conference was entitled 'Information: the unscarce resource' and it outlined current and future developments in the area of information provision.

The twenty-seven papers of the main sessions of the conference were presented during five sessions entitled 'information provision', 'user needs, wants and demands', 'changes and constraints', 'policies for the future'. The closing session looked to the future with papers on 'professionalism and the future' by D. J. Foskett, and 'Information for a dynamic economy' by Sir Montague Finniston. Included with the papers of the closing session is the vote of thanks to the City and University of Sheffield by Monty Hyams.

The papers presented at the eleven group sessions are also given. These, some of them joint group sessions, covered community services, new technology, online systems in public and special libraries, research and the public library, modern information processes and their value to young people, indexing, business information and its availability outside London, education for information work in the eighties, industrial records and lastly the policies of library and information services.

It is interesting to note that the proceedings are indexed as

it was felt the volume could become 'a work of reference by virtue both of the number and variety of papers.' The index compiled by L. J. Taylor is not comprehensive, as it was thought unnecessary, but lists the main and subordinate themes of each paper.

International directory of acronyms in library, information and computer sciences. Pauline M. Vaillancourt. London: Bowker, 1980. 518p. £29.75. ISBN 0 8352 1152 5.

5,500 acronyms are listed in this directory, approximately 2,000 being international in origin. The preface states 'nine categories of acronyms are represented: associations, societies and organizations in the library, information and computer sciences; commonly used terms from these fields; meetings, conferences and workshops of a continuing nature; publications, including books, journals and data tapes; libraries and information centers; information-related government agencies; commercial firms; consortia, networks and systems and research or experimental projects and services'.

The acronyms are arranged alphabetically and each entry consists of the acronym, full name of acronym and a brief annotation providing further identifying information. The information provided in the annotation is dependent on the category of acronym. The index comprises key words or key phrases, extracted from the full names or acronyms. Both full names and acronyms are supplied as subentries under the appropriate key words or phrases. A geographic list of abbreviations is also included.

Microform market place 1980–1981: an international directory of micropublishing: edited by Ardis Voegelin – Carleton. Westport, Conn. and London: Microform Review and Mansell, 1980. 212p. ISBN 0 913672 378 and ISBN 0 7201 1605 8.

A directory of micropublishers primarily in the United States, but other countries are included.

Entries include the name, address and telephone number of the publishers, key personnel, microformats supplied, micropublication programmes and subject speciality. Also included is a subject index which lists publishers under the subject supplied. The geographic index lists publishers within states in America and countries. The fourth section deals with mergers, acquisitions and name changes, while the following section lists organizations concerned with educational aspects of the use of microforms. The penultimate section is a short annotated list of sources useful to any library considering microforms for their stock. The last section is a directory of people connected with microforms, and is arranged by the name of person, and an address and telephone number is provided.

New technology and developments in the communication of research during the 1980s. A. J. Meadows. Leicester: University of Leicester, Primary Communications Research Centre, 1980. 40p. £2.50. (BLRDR 5562) ISBN 0 906083 125.

The report presents Professor Meadows' personal assessment of the effect of new technology upon research communication within the next decade.

The strength and weaknesses of existing systems are examined, and then the ways in which new technology will bring about changes in research communications are considered. Various types of research communication such as articles, abstract journals, electronic journals and research monographs are discussed. Another topic covered is the effect of new technology on communication boundaries. The role of publishers, booksellers, research libraries and information officers in the utilization of technology is considered, and the various forms of regulation of technology are outlined. Possible reactions and effects of new technology on individuals and institutions are discussed.

The report concludes with an analysis of the topics covered, which is intended to provoke discussion, which the author hopes will enable bodies to plan ahead for research communications in the 1980s. The analysis produced a list of possible areas in research communication where currently available information may be insufficient for forward planning.

First steps in librarianship, 5th ed. K. C. Harrison. London: Deutsch, 1980. 190p. ISBN 0 233 97235 8.

The first edition of this guide to librarianship was published thirty years ago, and it is now in its fifth edition, which indicates the need for it. The framework followed for this volume, is the same as for previous editions, but the work has been completely rewritten to encompass the worldwide developments in librarianship during the seven years since the previous edition was published. Subjects covered include national, academic and special libraries, public libraries, how libraries are governed and financed, resource sharing between libraries, Library Associations, personnel management in libraries, library departments, the content and organization of libraries, and reference materials and bibliographies. Also included in the volume is a useful list of further reading and a list of abbreviations.

The Librarians Phone Book 1980. Edited by Jaques Cattell Press. London: Bowker, 1979. 445p. £6.00. ISBN 0 8352 1254 8.

The volume contains 51,412 entries for public, academic and special librarians, heads of library networks, deans, chairman of library schools and departments of library science in the United States and Canada.

The entries are arranged alphabetically, and each entry provides the person's name, library or institution to which the person is affiliated, and its city and state location. At the end of the entry is a telephone number at which the person can be contacted. The layout of the volume makes it easy to scan.

AQUALINE thesaurus. Edited by Peter J. Russell and compiled by Joyce G. Smith. Chichester: Ellis Horwood for the Water Research Centre, 1980. 684p. £45.00. ISBN 0 85312 266 0.

The thesaurus was developed as a searching aid for the retrieval of information from the Aqualine database. It has however much wider possible uses, as a reference work of terms in the water field, and as a thesaurus for use in other institutions.

It comprises 70,000 index terms; 38,000 being preferred terms, and 32,000 non-preferred terms. Subjects covered include water resources and supplies, quality of water, analysis and treatment of water, underground distribution, sewage, industrial effluents, and the effects of pollution. The thesaurus is divided into three sections: general subject terms, trade names and taxonomic names. The Assassin software package was used to prepare the thesaurus, which enables it to be expanded and developed as new terms are derived.

Management for librarians: fundamentals and issues. John R. Rizzo. London: Aldwych Press, 1980. 339p. £19.95. ISBN 0 86172 0091.

The author states in the preface (p. xiii) that 'the book is more about management than it is about libraries'. In the book, he attempts to demonstrate to librarians that many aspects of management can be applied to librarianship.

The thirteen chapters cover the managerial role, organizational effectiveness and efficiency, planning and objectives management, productivity and accountability, control of staff, the organization, motivation in organizations, groups within organizations, staffing problems, employee appraisal for performance and development, employee training, and lastly leadership.

In the bibliographic essay, the author states his reasons for the selection of material and writing of the volume. Also included are name and subject indices. It is illustrated with eighteen figures, and references for additional readings are provided at the end of each chapter.

A conservation bibliography for librarians, archivists and administrators. Carolyn Clark Morrow and Steven B. Schoenly. Troy, New York: Whiston Publishing, 1979. 217p. $18.50. ISBN 0 87875 170 X.

This volume is an attempt to bring together the diverse literature of book and document conservation. The selection of literature for inclusion in the work was based on two criteria, the first being that it had appeared since 1966, the year of the

flood in Florence, when conservators worldwide participated in salvage of documents. The second criterion was the applicability of the citations to the major themes and problems in the field.

The bibliography is divided into three parts. The first part is a classified, annotated bibliography divided into five sections covering conservation and administration, environmental protection, information preservation, conservation techniques and lastly general works. Entries are arranged in reverse chronological order within each section.

Part two is a comprehensive bibliography of literature since 1966. Citations are listed alphabetically and entries included in part one are repeated in this section. There is a subject index to part two which covers topics more specifically than in the first part of the bibliography.

Book selection: an introduction to principles and practice. David Spiller 3rd edition. London: Bingley, 1980. 206p. £6.25. ISBN 0 85158 305 3.

This work was first published in 1971, and is intended as a basic introduction to book selection and provision. The text has been completely rewritten and each chapter deals with a specific aspect of book selection, and the differing cases that occur in public, special and academic libraries are considered in each chapter.

The first three chapters consider book selection policies, standards, and the effects of library management on book provision. The fourth chapter discusses users, and the limitations of surveys into user needs. Principles of stock selection are considered in the following chapter and selection criteria and methods are outlined. An outline of procedures to be followed for stock revision is provided in the sixth chapter, while the logistics of stock provision are dealt with in the following chapters. Chapter eight deals with weeding of stock, and considers the criteria for weeding.

The problems of fiction and its selection are dealt with in the following chapter, while the provision of discs, tapes, films, video productions, slides, reproductions, photographs, microforms and maps are considered in the tenth chapter. The chapter entitled 'special materials' covers the provision of periodicals, foreign language material, out of print books and paperbacks.

The final chapter deals with the relationships between the book trade and libraries and includes a section on the Net Book Agreement and library licence. Each chapter has a list of references, and list of suggested readings at the end.

Marketing scientific and technical information. Edited by William R. King and Gerald Zaltman. Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press, 1979. 234p. $20.00. ISBN 89158 3971.

The volume is a compilation of papers presented at a conference on marketing of scientific and technical information held at the Graduate School of Business of the University of Pittsburgh. The volume is divided into five sections, each of which has an introduction to the concepts discussed, and a short list of references. The introductory section provides a state of the art in scientific and technical information marketing; and also describes the problems of marketing and speculates on the directions that research may take in resolving the problems.

The second section deals with scientific and technical information users and markets. The concept of scientific and technical information as a 'product' is discussed in the third section; and the concept of 'product planning' is outlined. Guidelines are presented for the effective use of marketing information.

Distribution of scientific and technical information is outlined in the next section. The final section includes papers that report the results of empirical studies and those that speculate on research questions and issues requiring further investigation. The text is well illustrated with tables and illustrations, and there is a list of participants at the conference.

Biomedical subject headings: a reconciliation of National Library of Medicine (MeSH) and Library of Congress subject headings. Eugene V. Muench. Hamden, Connecticut: Shoe String Press, 1979. 774p. $52.50. ISBN 0 208 01747 X.

This second edition of a work previously published in 1971, is vastly expanded with an extra 322 pages, and comprises a comparative listing of two controlled medical vocabularies.

The format of the volume is identical to the first edition. It is divided into three sections, the first section being a MeSH/Library of Congress listing. The alphabetical sequence is determined by the *Index Medicus MeSH*, and the Library of Congress headings follow the same alphabetical sequence. The arrangement of the entries includes bold type for the MeSH headings, with the equivalent term used by the Library of Congress in lighter type and lower case, on the right hand side of the page. Lighter type is also used for cross references and related terms. Alpha-numeric symbols included in the MeSH headings refer to the categorized lists section, which are not included in the volume, but can be found in the original MeSH volume. A list of categories and subcategories is included at the end of the volume. The second section provides a subheading listing which presents MeSH subheadings with Library of Congress equivalents. The concluding section is a Library of Congress/MeSH listing which lists Library of Congress Subject headings with MeSH equivalents which do not fall into the previous alphabetical sequence. The volume is easy to scan due to the layout and differing type faces of the entries.

Directory of health sciences libraries in the United States 1979. Compiled and edited by Alan M. Rees and Susan Crawford, with the assistance of Margaret Henning. Cleveland, Ohio: Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland Health Sciences Library, 1980. 335p.

The previous edition of this work was published six years ago. The introduction provides some useful tables of figures. Table 1 shows databases for health science libraries in the United States, while the total number of health science libraries in 1969, 1973 and 1979 are shown in the following table. Tables 3 and 4 indicate the distribution of libraries by state, and rank the order of nine states with the largest number of libraries. The fifth table classifies libraries by the type of sponsoring organization. A comparison of the total number of personnel for 1969, 1973 and 1979 is given in Table 6, while a comparison of library resources in 1973 and 1979 is made in the last table.

The entries in the main body of the directory are arranged alphabetically by state, and then city. Each entry comprises the name, address and telephone number of the institution, name of the director, type of sponsoring organization, services, number of staff, holdings, and in-house access to databases. At the end of the volume, an alphabetical index of libraries by name is included.

ASLIB EVENING MEETING

Wednesday, 29 April 1981
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Aslib,
3 Belgrave Square,
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PRESS DATA BASES: TEXTLINE AND THE NEW YORK TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE AND THEIR IMPACT ON TRADITIONAL SOURCES

Speakers: Stephen Rayment, TEXTLINE, Finsbury Computer Services
Peter Havas, NEW YORK TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Chairman: Miss Christine Hull, Information & Marketing Intelligence Unit, Times Newspapers Limited.

Two data bases are described: TEXTLINE, which is an online retrieval service operating either through specially designed video terminals or ordinary printer terminals, located in clients' offices and connected over the dial-up telephone network to a DEC PDP 11/70 computer located at the TEXTLINE office in the City of London; and the NEW YORK TIMES INFORMATION BANK, a computerised system operating with 'instant replay' speed and accuracy and with data that includes general circulation newspapers, business, scientific and foreign publications and other periodicals.

In public and financial affairs, corporate planning, the law, Government and international developments, these two provide a formidable new tool for locating up-to-the-minute information, and the meeting provides an opportunity to look more closely at the service offered and the impact it may have on traditional information sources.

If you wish to attend, please complete and return the application form in this issue by 24 April.

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Edited by PETER J. TAYLOR, Aslib

Proceedings of the 39th FID Congress, University of Edinburgh, 25–28 September 1978

The 39th Congress of FID was widely regarded as being held at a critical time in the Federation's history, and the delegates present at Edinburgh University in September 1978 were asked to give special attention to FID's future role and objectives. The meeting of the General Assembly in Mexico in 1976 had agreed that the 39th Congress should provide an opportunity to take stock of where the Federation stood, and to consider in which directions it should go to serve its professional membership and fulfil its role internationally. This arose from a consensus that the growth of activity of the professional bodies worldwide had only increased the need for a body like FID to focus on the requirements of those engaged professionally in documentation and information.

Accordingly the Congress programme reflected this wide-ranging concern with the growing complexity of the information environment, and with the part that FID could play within it. These proceedings represent the contribution of a considerable body of experts, from a variety of countries, to the vigorous debate which is likely to occupy the information community for the next decade and beyond.

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12 Tues
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*13 Wed
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14 Thurs
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15 Fri 15.00
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18 Mon 14.00
Electronic Group Meeting: Access to reports in the UK: the role of BLLD/DRIC and TRC
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*3 Wed 11.00
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3 Wed 17.00 for 17.30
Computer Group Evening Meeting: Bookline for Special Libraries, by Dr Phil Holmes, Blackwells
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*3 Wed 18.00 19.00
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*9 Tues 16.30
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9 Tues 17.15 for 18.00
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Economic and Business Information Group Visit: Inland Revenue Library, Somerset House, Strand, London WC2
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15/16 Mon/Tues
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19 Fri 15.00	Technical Translation Group Meeting: Report on FIT Congress, Warsaw, by Miss C. M. Picken Aslib Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
22/23 Mon/Tues	Aslib Course: Computer Produced Indexes Aslib Fee: £90; Aslib members £70 Details and application form in May issue Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
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*24 Wed 14.30	Economic and Business Information Group Visit and Datastream Demonstration, Ashridge Management College, Berkhamsted Contact: Mrs S. Webb, Librarian, Ashridge Management College, Berkhamsted, Herts

JULY

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*23 Wed 18.00	Audiovisual Group Visit: Commonwealth Institute Library Kensington High Street, London W8 Contact: Mrs B. Smith, London College of Fashion, 20 John Princes Street, London W1M 9HE

SEPTEMBER

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Committee news

Congratulations to Christine Miskin, until recently secretary of AEBIG, whose son Thomas was born on Valentine's Day.

David Rigglesford's new address is:— Employment Relations Ltd., 62 Hills Road, Cambridge. Tel (0223) 315944.

Publications

London directory of industry and commerce: purchaser's guide to industry and commerce for London and the Home Counties. Kemp's Group Limited, 1981. £15.00.

Garry Humphreys of the City Business Library writes:

The long-established Kemp's *London directory* has now been published as the so-called 'first edition' of the *London directory of industry and commerce* with the claim that it is 'sponsored by the London Industrial Centre'; indeed, it includes a foreword by the Leader of the Greater London Council (of which the Centre is a part) in which Sir Horace Cutler hopes the directory will provide a 'comprehensive guide to London's skills and services'. Directory compilation evidently is not one of those skills and sponsorship by the LIC has been no guarantee of excellence.

The book begins with thirty pages of informative descriptions of 'authoritative bodies relating to London' comprising national and local government departments, academic institutions, and associations; but the actual directory sections (alphabetical and classified) which form the greater part of the book (and will be the sections to which constant reference would be made) leave much to be desired in completeness and accuracy.

The headings relating to sources of further information are an illuminating example; there are no cross-references from one to another. 'Chambers of commerce' comprise five overseas chambers in London, ten London boroughs' chambers, but not the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry itself; 'Libraries': one London borough library, the Science Reference Library, three libraries of visual materials including a picture library that does not, however, appear in the 'Libraries—Photographic' heading that follows, and 'KPM Themes' (a company listed without further elucidation); 'Information services': one London borough service, two commercial bodies, the Building Centre, and one published indexing service; 'Small firms information': one local body, but not even the Small Firms Information Centre itself.

Some general headings with obviously large numbers of potentially relevant businesses list one name only, e.g. butchers, casual wear, leasing companies; 'Men's and boys' wear', two companies; 'Departmental stores', eight — half of them obscure, including the Salvationish (sic!) Publishing and Supplies Limited. All these are random examples.

The directory is 'sponsored' (presumably with public money) by the GLC and many firms have paid good money to have display advertisements. Sir Horace Cutler calls the directory 'just one of a number of new initiatives being taken as part of the GLC's drive to promote and market London's advantages as an industrial and business location'. It is most earnestly hoped that it is not typical.

Aslib Activities

HEADQUARTERS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Aslib will be held this year at 4.30 pm on Tuesday 9 June at the Royal Aeronautical Society in Hamilton Place, near Hyde Park Corner, which was the setting of last year's meeting. The Aslib Annual Lecture on the Revolution in Communication, by Mr E. Ploman, Executive Director of the International Institute of Communications, will be delivered in the same hall at 6 pm on that day. Tea for those attending the lecture will be served at 5.15 pm.

Draft code of Professional Ethics

In October 1980 the Library Association published, for comment, a draft code of professional ethics which, it proposed, should be binding upon its members. Aslib set up a Working Group to examine the implications of such a code for the corporate members of Aslib and the Working Group reported to the Aslib Council at its March meeting.

As a result a statement, which is reprinted below, was sent to the Library Association in March, setting out the Council's views on the draft code as it exists at present.

Comments by Aslib

Aslib and the code

1.1 Aslib, as a leading organization in the special library and information field has an interest in ensuring that any code of ethics or standards for the information professional should provide real guidance and assistance to those facing moral dilemmas arising out of professional situations.

1.2 However, as an association of corporate organizations whose members are, in many instances, employers of Library Association members, we have a different perspective on many areas covered by your draft code, and it is inevitable that we should seek to ensure that none of its provisions conflict with the interests of our members.

1.3 As an association of employers, we could not accept the code when finally adopted as automatically binding on our members. However, assuming that such a code contained nothing which might conflict with our members' interests, and that we believed it to be helpful, we would be prepared to give it our public support as 'a good thing'.

The code and special library and information work

2.1 It is the belief of Aslib that the philosophy underlying the draft code derives from the open relationship of a professional service being offered to the public. This view is reinforced by the assumptions implicit in the Foreword and Introduction which relate to the librarian and the citizen's rights and responsibilities in a democratic society. It is also our view that, in order to make the code applicable in all situations (e.g. the inclusion of 4 and note 4.ii), compromises have had to be made which rob the code of its ability to provide clear guidance in many situations.

2.2 We believe that many 'ethical' problems have been experienced in the special library/information field about which the code provides no guidance at all. For example, although the client may be defined as the employing company, in practice a library is used by individual people. A librarian may be acting in the best interests of his client (employer) by withholding information from an individual group of individuals to their personal detriment.

2.3 Furthermore, in the special library/information context much of the information handled is neither published nor intended for public use. This code makes no provision for those circumstances where information is of a proprietary nature.

2.4 In the light of 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3, it is our view that the present draft code should be made binding only on members of the Library Association engaged in offering a service to the public.

2.5 If, and only if, 2.4 is accepted, those compromise provisions included in the present draft to prevent conflict in special library circumstances could be dropped.

2.6 Discussions with interested professional groups should be started to decide on the feasibility of a complimentary code of standards or ethics to provide guidance in the closed relationship of the professional in a special library context.

The draft code's provisions

3.1 (Code clause 1) in the context of most special libraries the client can normally only be construed as the employing organization. Attempts to cater for this in clause 4 and note 4.ii have succeeded only in introducing generalizations which might undermine the code's helpfulness in the public sphere. If the client is held to be the employing organization then under the terms of clause 1 ('the interests of the client take precedence over all other interests'), the code loses its ability to provide guidance in situations of potential conflict between employer and librarian.

3.2 (Code clause 2) Despite the provisions of clause 4 and note 4.ii, the provisions of clause 2 do not sufficiently acknowledge the existence of information of a proprietary nature, and the right to protect the privacy of certain sources. It is worth noting that the word 'free' is open to differing interpretations. In the context of commercial services, this should only be interpreted as unfettered and non-discriminatory, rather than free from direct charges.

3.3 (Note 4.i) In view of our comments in 3.1, it is doubtful whether the LA would be in a position to provide support for an individual member in dispute with his or her employer/client.

3.4 (Clause 5) In the special library context is must be recognized that management has the right to monitor the activities of employees, including their use of service departments such as libraries.

3.5 (Clause 10) We believe that this code should not be binding on Library Association members who are not acting in the public sphere.

RESEARCH AND CONSULTANCY NEWS

Two significant developments since Research and Consultancy last featured in these pages are that the Division has moved from Bedford Row to Belgrave Square, and that it has shrunk in size. There is, not surprisingly, a link between these two events.

One of the main sources of income for the Division is the BLRDD research grant, and in 1980 the value of the grant was

severely reduced by inflation. No compensatory adjustment was possible and the result was that three research posts had to be lost.

As a further economy, it was desirable that we should abandon our comfortable quarters in W.C.1. With less staff, it became (just) possible to squeeze us all into Aslib headquarters. There were also the inducement that closer contact with our colleagues in the service departments would be good for the development of Aslib. So, on 15 January, we moved.

Research

The latter part of 1980 saw an exceptional peak in report-writing activity. *Tony Wight* completed a report on the impact of new technology and its implications for library and information manpower planning. This includes some intriguing glimpses of several possible futures, in which professional staff and the services they provide might be affected or displaced by new technology in various ways.

Margaret Slater produced two reports. One marked the completion of her study of staff : user ratios in special libraries and information services. The results cover actual, potential, and theoretically possible user populations, in relation to total workforce or qualified staff in the information unit, so a variety of interesting ratios emerge. Margaret Slater's other report was on a small exploratory study of non-use, or to be more precise, of sub-optimal usage of industrial and commercial library-information services. The report's title, 'The neglected resource', indicates the concern that has motivated work in this area. The ultimate aim is to identify the characteristics of non-users, and the reasons for non-use. Positive results were obtained from this initial project, and a full-scale study is now in progress.

Catherine Sullivan and *David Oliver* produced two major reports on their Prestel research. One of these is a practical guidance manual on setting up and maintaining a Prestel database, which should be of great value to other information providers. The other contains results of their investigations of the use of Prestel as a reference tool in public libraries. This includes an interesting base-line study of the pattern of reference activity in the participating libraries before the Prestel sets were installed.

Blaise Cronin reported on his study of the desirability and feasbility of establishing a UK national graphics resource centre — that is, a centre concerned with the design, production, marketing and distribution of library graphics on a nationwide basis.

Turning now to current work (other than what has been mentioned above), good progress has been made with our evaluation of a microcomputer-based IR package as a means of teaching secondary school pupils the basic principles of computer-based information retrieval. The package (acronym SIR) is now operational and at the time of writing (March 1981) is installed in four schools, all of which have been provided with a small database containing material that should be relevant to their project work. Other schools will be brought into the evaluation later in the year. The researcher responsible for this work is *Mary Rowbottom,* who joined us after Bob Winfield moved on to pastures new.

Projects on the stocks for 1981 include:

- a comparative study of the objectives of full-time education for special library/information professionals, and of the employers who wish to recruit them;
- development of a set of self-evaluation methods for special libraries and information units;
- development of a technique for eliminating duplicate references from on-line search results, using a microcomputer-based terminal.

Finally, we record with regret the departure of three members of the Division — Peter Lynam (who is doing a PhD at Essex University); Peter Taylor (who has transferred to Aslib Publications Division); and Tony Wight.

Consultancy

Several interesting new projects have been undertaken by the Consultancy Service in recent months.

The Netherlands-based International Reference Centre for Community Water Supply (IRC) is carrying out a programme to strengthen the provision within developing countries of technical information in support of the UN International Water Decade. Aslib has been engaged to assist IRC in the preparation of guidelines and training materials needed for this programme. At an early stage in this collaboration, *Susan Barry* attended a regional workshop in Lima, Peru, to evaluate its effectiveness, and advise on the planning of future workshops of this kind in other regions.

Another topical project, in that it relates to the International Year of Disabled People, is being carried out on behalf of the CEC. The aim is to establish a specification for a European information system on aids for the disabled. *John Martyn* and *Peter Vickers* have been visiting appropriate organizations in the Community countries to examine existing national facilities and to determine what is needed at the European level.

Meanwhile, the problems of members in the UK have not been neglected. One project that is very much in the traditional style of Aslib consultancy work was a thorough review of technical information requirements in a large aerospace firm, leading to recommendations for the development of improved services. Assignments of a similar character have been carried out for an employers' federation, and for a major glass manufacturer. The Consultancy Service has also taken on, as a long-term commitment, the task of providing training support for the ICI ASSASSIN system.

Current affairs information — resources and needs: a conference 4 June 1981, The Geological Society of London, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1

This conference is something of a new departure, recognizing the increasing flow of news and pace of change and the need of more and more members for information of a very immediate nature, to enable them to meet the problems and challenges of the times. Aimed at an audience drawn from government departments, local government, industrial libraries and information units, banks and finance houses, public libraries and the media, the programme will look at the sources and services that exist to meet the need for 'instant information' over a very wide front: Parliament and government — in the UK (Chris Pond of the House of Commons Library) and in the European Community (Gian Carlo Pau, CEC, London); international affairs (Alan George, Unilever Limited); local government and current aspects of the local scene (Alan Peacock, Cheshire County Council); company and financial information (Mrs Thelma Palmer, Williams, Glyn and Company); topical information in the field of employment and labour relations (Eric Suter, Labour Law Adviser to the Institute of Personnel Management); and the media (Geoffrey Whatmore, BBC). How these sources are used, what problems there are and what the user would like will be discussed.

The programme and registration form were distributed with the March issue of *Aslib Information;* further copies and information can be obtained from the Conference Organizer, Aslib.

Aslib 54th Annual Conference: Information '81: forecasts and realities *22–25 September 1981, University of Oxford*

Increasingly, no major conference is complete without an exhibition, with its displays and demonstrations illustrating the technology that is discussed in the sessions. At Oxford, at the Annual Conference this year, the exhibition will have just this impact, strategically placed in the foyer of the Zoology Department, where the bar and reception desk are located and adjoining the lecture theatre that accommodates the sessions. The official opening at the Welcome Reception in the evening of 22 September will give exhibitors and delegates a chance to

meet each other in a leisurely and convivial way, while plans are afoot to open the exhibition to local library and information staff and interested members of the Oxford public. To date space is going very quickly and early application is strongly recommended to avoid the distressing possibility of having to turn away old friends.

Another aspect of the conference, a development from the Joint Conference last year in Sheffield, will be the Group sessions, which enhance and deepen the main programme and at the same time hopefully will draw Group members to join in the main conference. Highlights of the Group contributions will be: British Library supported research in agricultural, biological and medical information, by Margaret O'Hare (Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group); the design of information systems for human beings, by Professor Margaret Boden (Informatics Group); the role of foreign languages in information, by C. Fleurent and Barbara Snell (Technical Translation Group); and Videodiscs in the library, by Lee Seaman (Audiovisual Group). In addition, one of the very attractive visits — to the Nature Conservancy Council library and information services at Banbury — has been initiated by the Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group.

The topics in the main programme — under the title *Information '81: forecasts and realities* and all chosen for their special interest and urgency next September — range through a glance at progress in national information provision; the technology; to charge or not to charge — who pays for information? a debate on copyright with the Chairman of the British Copyright Council confronting Dr R. A. Wall; and such well known speakers as Robert Maxwell and Professor T. Stonier.

The advance programme and registration form have been widely distributed and further copies and information can be obtained from the Conference Organizer, Aslib.

Getting the most out of EURONET: a seminar for online users
7 October 1981, Imperial College, London

Arranged with the cooperation of EURONET/DIANE, this seminar is intended for online users of some experience. It offers a unique opportunity to study how EURONET could be of use to them, the facilities provided by a variety of hosts, how to compare and assess them, and how to gain the maximum benefit from the services available. Watch this space for more detailed information about hosts and arrangements generally and look out for the programme and registration form which will be published later in the year. Contact for further information is The Conference Organizer, Aslib.

STOP PRESS! Versailles for EURIM 5
12–14 May 1982, Palais des Congrès, Versailles, France

As this issue goes to press, the Sponsors of the EURIM series of conferences are able to announce that EURIM 5 will be held in the Palais des Congrès, Versailles, from 12–14 May, 1982. In returning to France, EURIM 5 also returns to the original concept of a European conference on research into the management of information services and libraries, providing a unique opportunity for the communication of recent research work to an international audience, and for the exchange of ideas on key issues in the world of information. Further details will be available shortly. Contact: The Conference Organizer Aslib.

ENGINEERING GROUP

Engineering Information Problems Seminar and Forum on Small Firms *8–9 September 1981, Brighton and Eastbourne*

The Engineering Group, in conjunction with Brighton Polytechnic are organizing this event for 8–9 September 1981 at Eastbourne and Brighton. The Seminar is a survey for engineers of relevant information sources and problems of their use. All types of engineers from industry are welcome and early application is desirable. The Forum, which is available as a separate evening package, will focus on information problems of small firms and will be introduced by a speaker from the London and South East Small Firms' Service of the Department of Industry. In part, the Seminar will repeat successful ventures previously held in London and Loughborough. Inclusive residential charge is £69 but there are separate day charges and other variants.

Enquiries to Dr R. A. Wall, Pilkington Library, University of Technology, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 3TU. Tel: 0509 63171 ext 5037, or the local organizer: Dr M. J. Edmonds, Department of Mechanical and Production Engineering, Brighton Polytechnic, Moulsecoomb, Brighton BN2 4GJ. Tel. 0273 693665 ext 2526.

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Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Citrus propagation 1966–1978. 1980. 555 refs. UK £7.00. Overseas £8.40.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl–1944
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Grapevine: protected cultivation 1972–1978. 1980. 28 refs. UK £3.00. Overseas £3.60.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl–1945
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Lavender and Lavandula spp. 1971–1979. 1980. 96 refs. UK £4.00. Overseas £4.80.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl–1946
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Orchid culture 1971–1979. 1980. 425 refs. UK £6.50. Overseas £7.80.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl–1947
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Peppermint (Metha piperita). 1971–1979. 1980. 143 refs. UK £4.50. Overseas £5.50.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl–1948
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Soil strength (1957–1977). 1978. 166 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA 1956. UK £5.00. Overseas £6.00.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl–1949
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Soils of Hawaii (1947–1977). 1978. 104 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SG 1958. UK £4.50 Overseas £5.40.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl–1950
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Soils of the Philippines (1931–1976). 1978. 87 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SG 1960. UK £4.00. Overseas £4.80.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl–1951
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Soils of the South Pacific Islands (1969–1977). 1978. 51 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SG 1959. UK £3.50. Overseas £4.20.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl–1952
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Terra rossa and other chromic luvisols (1970–1976). 1978. 37 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA 1957. UK £3.00. Overseas £3.60.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl–1953
Department of Employment Library.
Employment of children and young persons – up to 1914. 12 pages. Library Checklist: CL115–1979 (6).
Available from: Department of Employment Library, 12 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LL.

Bibl–1954
Department of Employment Library.
Profit sharing. 1979. 7 pages. Library Checklist: CL114–1979 (6).
Available from: Department of Employment Library, 12 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LL.

Bibl–1955
Department of Employment Library.
Technology and employment: books and pamphlets. 1979. 8 pages. Library Checklist: CL111–1979 (4).
Available from: Department of Employment Library, 12 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LL.

Bibl–1956
Department of Employment Library.
Unemployment insurance – 1921 to 1930. 1979. 27 pages. Library Checklist: CL113–1979 (5).
Available from: Department of Employment Library, 12 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LL.

Bibl–1957
Department of Employment. Work Research Unit.
New technology: computers and the quality of working life. 1979. 5 pages. Work Research Unit Bibliography No. 26.
Available from: Work Research Unit, Department of Employment, Almack House, 26 King Street, London SW1Y 6RB.

Bibl–1958
Department of Employment. Work Research Unit.
New technology: electronic offices. Work Research Unit Bibliography No. 24. 1979. 2 pages.
Available from: Work Research Unit, Department of Employment, Almack House, 26 King Street, London SW1Y 6RB.

Bibl–1959
Department of Employment. Work Research Unit.
New technology: robots. 1979. 3 pages. Work Research Unit Bibliography No. 27.
Available from: Work Research Unit, Department of Employment, Almack House, 26 King Street, London SW1Y 6RB.

Bibl–1960
Department of Employment. Work Research Unit.
New technology: strategies for introduction. Work Research Unit Bibliography No. 23. 1979. 2 pages.
Available from: Work Research Unit, Department of Employment, Almack House, 26 King Street, London SW1Y 6RB.

Bibl–1961
Department of Employment. Work Research Unit.
New technology: word processing. 1979. 2 pages. Work Research Unit Bibliography No. 25.
Available from: Work Research Unit, Department of Employment, Almack House, 26 King Street, London SW1Y 6RB.

Bibl–1962
Departments of Environment and Transport.
Freight transport: a select list of material based on the DOE/DTp Library. 1979. 259 refs. Bibliography No. 17F. £1.35 + postage.
Available from: The Library, Department of the Environment and Department of Transport, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB.

Bibl–1963
Greater London Council Research Library.
Vandalism and violence on public transport systems. 1979. 49 refs. Bibliography No. 107. £1.75 in the UK.
Available from: GLC Bookshop, County Hall, London SE1 7PB.

Bibl–1964
Leicestershire Libraries and Information Service. The External Services Team.
Alternative energy sources: a review of current progress in the development of alternative energy sources together with a guide to documentary and organizational sources of information. 1979. 30 pages. CPI topic guide No. 2. £4.50.
Available from: Capital Planning Information, 12 Castle Street, Edinburgh, Scotland EH2 3AT.

Bibl–1965
North Staffordshire Polytechnic Library. Information Services.
Applications of electromagnetism: a selective bibliography. 1979. 10 pages. NSP/BIB/3-Suppl.
Available from: The Library, North Staffordshire Polytechnic, Beaconside, Stafford.

Bibl–1966
Office of Population Censuses and Surveys Library.
Population: some general works and statistical sources. 1979. 5 pages.
Available from: Office of Population Censuses and Surveys Library, St Catherines House, 10 Kingsway, London WC2B 6JP.

Bibl–1967
Scottish Health Service Centre Library.
Fire in health service buildings. 2nd edition. 1979. 103 refs. Library Bibliography No. 38.
Available from: The Librarian, Scottish Health Service Centre, Crewe Road South. Edinburgh EH4 2LF.

ABASG News

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Copy for the next issue should be sent to Ms J. Lovenack, The Library, Chelsea College, Hortensia Road, London, SW10 0QR. Tel: 01 352 5778 ex. 30, by 10 July 1981.

Agricultural, biological and medical periodicals — resource sharing

This one-day workshop will take place at Aslib on Wednesday 18 November 1981. The aim of the workshop is to discuss the practical aspects of resource sharing in periodicals, particularly the problems encountered either because of the subject covered or because of the type of library involved e.g. government, university etc., and how they can be overcome. The first part of the day will consist of short presentations, and a wide range of libraries — subject and type — will be covered. This will be followed by a forum to discuss ideas and hopefully to result in new collaborations or initiatives. We also hope to create a 'database' of such initiatives either to be published or to be disseminated to the group members. If anyone has any such scheme that they would like more widely known could they please send a written description, of up to 1,000 words, to Susan Childs, Basement Flat 1a, 8 Palmeira Square, Hove, Sussex, BN3 2JB, as soon as possible. The full programme of the workshop will be sent out with a later edition of *Aslib Information.*

ABASG Training Working Party

Due to the interest shown by ABASG members in answer to a recent questionnaire on training it was decided to form a Training Working Party (TWP) to try to meet the needs expressed. Frank Hirst, Chief Librarian MAFF, was invited to act as Chairman and, to date, two meetings have been held. The aims of the TWP were agreed as follows: (a) to be a clearing house, liaison point and publicity promoter for agricultural and biological training information, (b) to be a 'ginger' group to promote action in developing courses in existing teaching institutions, and (c) to organize courses to meet needs.

The TWP meetings give a forum for discussion of problems, and channel news into the various outlets available for publicity. The fostering of co-operation between various groups interested in biological and agricultural information is a prime objective, providing publicity and support for mutually interesting training programmes. In conjunction with the full ABASG committee, the TWP is considering holding a course or seminar on agricultural thesauri to be held later this year, or early in 1982.

If you have any comments or ideas please contact Mrs Tricia Adams, c/o Library, MAFF, 3 Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2HH. Tel: 01 217 6181 (or 3842).

Centenary of the British Museum (Natural History)

The Museum began as part of the British Museum at Bloomsbury, but the growing collections were rehoused in the famous building at South Kensington, specially designed by Alfred Waterhouse, which opened its doors to the public on 18 April 1881. These collections now number about 50 million specimens of animals, plants, fossils and minerals from all over the world and there are 350 scientific staff to utilise them.

Special exhibitions will be staged; on 27 May a major permanent exhibition 'Origin of Species' is to be opened by Professor Sir Andrew Huxley and will be viewed in the afternoon by Her Majesty The Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh on a visit to the Museum to mark the centenary. This exhibition will be opened to the public on 28 May. Another exhibition 'Nature Stored: Nature Studied' will be on display until 31 December 1981 and is designed to give an insight into the growth of the collections and the scientific work of the Museum.

Open days to see behind the scenes will be held for members of the public with a special interest in the biological or geological sciences, university students, members of natural history societies, etc., on the 18 and 19 November 1981 from 10.30 to 16.30 (those wishing to attend should notify the 'Open Days Office' Tel: 01 589 6323 ext 667 or 206). 17 November will be a special open day for the press (contact the 'Press Office' for details).

Several Natural History Museum centenary publications will also be available, one each to go with the exhibitions mentioned above, *Origin of Species,* published by the Trustees of the British Museum (Natural History) and the Cambridge University Press, May 1981 (hardback about £12.00, paperback about £3.50); *Nature Stored: Nature Studied.* Trustees of the British Museum (Natural History), March 1981 (paperback £1.95). The history, work and structure of the Museum is discussed in Stearn, W. T. *The Natural History Museum at South Kensington: A History of the British Museum (Natural History) 1753–1980,* published jointly with William Heinemann, April 1981 (about £15.00); Whitehead, P. and Keates, C. *The British Museum (Natural History),* published jointly with Philip Wilson Ltd. April 1981 (about £4.95); Girouard, M. *Alfred Waterhouse and the Natural History Museum,* published jointly with Yale University Press, January 1981 (hardback £4.95, paperback £1.75). A special publication concerned with the origin and development of the Earth and the biological role of evolution will also appear — Greenwood, P. H. *ed. Chance, Change and Challenge.* Volume 1, *The Evolving Earth,* edited by L. R. M. Cocks; Volume 2, *The Evolving Biosphere,* edited by P. L. Forey, published jointly with Cambridge University Press, May 1981 (hardback about £30.00 per volume; paperback, volume 1 £10.50, volume 2 £11.50).

Although most of these will be available from bookshops visitors to the Museum will be able to buy them from the Museum's bookshop which opened in January this year and specialises in natural history, selling generally published works as well as those of various natural history societies not easily obtainable elsewhere.

Agricultural regional cooperation in the south east

A meeting was held in October 1980 at the Central Veterinary Laboratory, Weybridge, arising from the British Library report on *Information Systems in UK Agriculture* and the subsequent follow up meetings arranged by the British Library. Present economic difficulties, together with the lack of a national United Kingdom group of agricultural librarians mean cooperation is very necessary and the formation of regional groups sensible, especially to help staff of small units and those on the fringes of agriculture, e.g. pharmaceuticals. The meeting agreed on various possible activities that would help members. (1) Production of a directory of members. (2) Production of lists of periodical holdings, the problems of a union list were realized but a list of unique holdings was considered to be feasible. (3) Compilation of a list of locations of unusual or expensive directories. (4) Referral system could be set up for 'impossible' inter-library loans. (5) Coordination of disposals. (6) Tackling the problems of 'grey' literature and trade literature. (7) Production of a newsletter. Future meetings should be planned and a coordinating group has been formed to further the work. Those interested should contact Anne Milton, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Block A Government Offices, Coley Park, Reading, RG1 6DT. Tel: Reading 581222 ext 422.

Recent announcements

Readers will be pleased to learn that Mr Frank Hirst, Chief Librarian at MAFF, and a valuable member of ABASG, has been awarded an O.B.E.

EVENTS

SLA Annual Conference

Atlanta, Georgia will be the meeting point for specialists in the information profession this summer when the Special Libraries Association holds its 72nd Annual Conference on 13–18 June 1981. Meetings, workshops, and Association-sponsored events will be held in the Atlanta Hilton and the Atlanta Marriott Hotels. The theme for this year's conference 'Beyond Efficiency to Effectiveness' – will focus on ways that librarians can more effectively meet their clients' information needs.

James B. Dodd, President of SLA, will open the first general session on Monday, 15 June, and introduce the keynote speaker, William F. Ford, president, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, who will discuss the information needs of top management and how these executives view the information centre.

A selection of continuing education courses will be offered on 13–14 June. These will cover the basics of computer operations and communications technology; information management in the office of the future; management by objectives; and other skills. A variety of Division-sponsored programs will be offered: management workshops, panel discussions, and a host of general-interest sessions will deal with the uses of information systems within the organization. In addition, there will be tours to information centres and points of interest in the Greater Atlanta area.

Further information is available from the Special Libraries Association, 235 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10003, USA.

UK Online User Group

In cooperation with the EURONET-DIANE Launch Team, the UK Online User Group is arranging a seminar on EURONET-DIANE and common command language (CCL). The seminar will consist of two parts:

(i) general information about EURONET-DIANE, its set-up, partners, functions and facilities
(ii) an introduction to, and training in, CCL.

Lennart Scharff, Training Manager of the EURONET-DIANE Launch Team will be leading the seminar, which will take place at the Blaise Training Suite, 2 Sheraton Street, London W1V 4BH on Friday, 26 June 1981. The cost will be £20 + VAT for the full day session, including coffee, lunch and tea. For practical reasons, the number of participants is limited to 30, and further information is available from Mrs C. A. Baker, c/o The Library, University of Technology, Loughborough, Leics. LE11 3TU.

Sconul seminar

The Sconul Advisory Committee on Information Services will be holding its annual exchange of experience seminar, 'Marketing user education services in academic libraries' on 29 June 1981 at Loughborough University. Full details can be obtained from Daphne Clark, The Library, The Hatfield Polytechnic, P.O. Box 110, Hatfield, Herts. AL10 9AD.

Microcomputers in information work

The Manchester Online User Group, in association with the National Computing Centre, will be holding a one-day workshop on 22 May at NCC, Manchester. There will be demonstrations of working applications of microcomputers in various fields of information work, and opportunities for informal discussion and exchange of experience. The cost will be about £25. For further details contact Mrs P. Rangeley, Medical Faculty Library, Stopford Building, Manchester University, Manchester M13 9PT. Tel: 061-273 8241 ext 28.

Online Meeting in Poland

At the invitation of the Polish Academy of Sciences, a meeting and exhibition dealing with the online retrieval of information is scheduled to take place for the library, documentation and administration community in Poland on 1–3 September 1981. Organized under the joint sponsorship of the Polish Academy of Sciences, IIASA (the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Laxenburg, Austria) and EUSIDIC (the European Association of Information Services), the conference will feature some 20 invited speakers from Europe and the USA, together with a number of invited exhibitors who will demonstrate online retrieval in a wide range of subject areas. It is hoped that the exhibition will also feature a number of videotex demonstrations by West European PTT authorities.

Further details are available from: Learned Information Ltd., Besselsleigh Road, Abingdon, Oxford, England. Tel: (0865) 730 275 Telex: 837704. Contact: Harry Collier, or Polish Academy of Sciences 00–330 Warszawa, Nowy Swiat 72 Poland. Tel: 26-84-10 Telex: 815414. Contact: Dr Bronislaw Lugowski.

Business Information Conference

Alan Armstrong and Associates Ltd are holding their 5th Business Information Conference on 5–7 June 1981. The venue will be Lydiard Park Mansion near Swindon. The aim of the conference is to investigate the new services and future trends in the business information world, and to encourage the development of professional contacts in the informal atmosphere of an old country mansion.

Speakers will include Raymond Monbiot MBE (Associated Biscuits); Allan Foster (Preston Polytechnic Library); David King (SRL) and Peter Martin (Predicasts International). Places are limited and interested librarians and information officers should contact Nigel Oxbrow of AAA Ltd as soon as possible on 01-258 3740.

Chemical notation course

The Chemical Notation Association (UK) will be holding a three-day Wiswesser Line-formula Notation (WLN) Tutorial at Exeter University, 14–16 July. The course will cover coding and decoding for beginners, intermediate and advanced students and will include lectures on application of WLN. Details from S. B. Walker, 45 Windmill Avenue, Wokingham, Berkshire RG11 2XA.

Information profession seminar

'Computer IR: a terminal disease for the information profession?' is the theme of a meeting organized by the BCS Information Retrieval Specialist Group to discuss the impact of new technology on the future of the trained information worker. The meeting will be held at 2.00 pm on Friday 8 May 1981 at City University, London.

In his paper at this meeting, Dr Dennis Lewis, Head of Technical Intelligence at ICI Plastics, will demonstrate that his 'Doomsday Scenario' is today even more likely to become fact, if the profession does not accept the challenge of change. Charles Oppenheim, Research Director at Derwent Publications, will defend the position of information specialists, and will show that they can have a golden future in absorbing the professionals of the office equipment, software and related fields.

The meeting will be introduced and chaired by Keith van Rijsbergen, Professor of Computer Science at University College, Dublin, and the IR Group's AGM will follow this meeting. Tickets are £2.00 in advance or £3.00 at the door, and further information is obtainable from: P. M. Linn, Station Master's Cottage, Stow Longa, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE18 0TR. Tel: 048084 794.

Central Information Service Courses

Details of these courses were given in the April issue of *Aslib Information*. Please note that the telephone number for further details is 01-636 4514 ext. 937.

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Closure of Specifications Section

As a contribution to staff reduction in the Ministry of Defence, the Defence Research Information Centre has been directed to close down its Specifications Section. The Section will cease operations for all users on 30 June 1981. This decision has been made with great regret as it is realized that the service is a valued one. The major activity of the Section has been the supply of US Military Specifications, Standards, Drawings, Handbooks and Qualified Products Lists. There are alternative, commercial sources of supply of these documents, as listed below and full details should be obtained from each supplier.

(a) American Information Retrieval Service (AIRS)
170 Ifield Road
London SW10 9AS
Tel: 01-373 4947 Telex: 916379

(b) London Information (Rowse Muir) Ltd
Index House
Ascot, Berks SL5 7EU
Tel: Ascot (0990) 23377 Telex: 849426

(c) Technical Indexes Ltd (TI)
Easthampstead Road
Bracknell, Berks RG12 1NS
Tel: Bracknell (0344) 26311 Telex: 849207

Pergamon Press acquires Infotech

Pergamon Press has bought for cash from the liquidator the assets of the data processing, education and training organization Infotech Limited. The company has recently recommenced trading under the name Pergamon-Infotech Limited. Of the 120 previously employed staff who were laid off by the liquidator, approximately 40 are in the process of being rehired by Pergamon-Infotech.

Pergamon-Infotech Limited will continue to operate from the Maidenhead premises: Nicholson House, High Street, Maidenhead, tel: Maidenhead 39101, telex 847319. Last year Pergamon acquired InfoLine Limited, now known as Pergamon-InfoLine Limited, which provides computer-based online information services.

Further information is available from: Mr Brian Basham, Broad Street Associates, 65 London Wall, London EC2M 5TU. Tel: 01-628 3789.

Part-time degree course

At the beginning of this academic year, the Social Science Department at the Polytechnic of the South Bank enrolled its first group of students on its new part-time Social Science degree. The course complemented the existing full-time Social Science degree and the part-time M.Sc. in Sociology in the department. It consists of a two year inter-disciplinary foundation in social science subjects, leading into two three-year branches in either Sociology or Social Policy.

A full cohort of 25 students was taken on to the course and the specializations on the degree, designed for those seeking graduate status in Public Sector and Welfare Professions, have particularly attracted non-graduate librarians. One problem encountered was that many students who applied qualified for exemptions from the first year – enabling them to complete the course in four years – but the department was then unable to enrol them. With the beginning of the second year in 1981/2, this will no longer be the case, and the Department is particularly interested in applications from students who have already done some work in the social sciences. Further information is available from the Department of Social Sciences, Polytechnic of the South Bank, Borough Road, London SE1 0AA. Tel: 01-928 8989.

BBC online interlending

The BBC Reference Library has become the first library to use a computer terminal for interlending purposes with the installation of an online link to the London and South-Eastern Library Region (LASER) minicomputer. The link gives the BBC library immediate access to the LASER database which holds 1.1 million entries for books representing many millions of copies held by libraries in London and the South-East. It has been installed as part of a one-year field trial.

The BBC in London borrows more than 8,000 books each year. The LASER terminal will show which libraries hold a particular title; staff can then contact them direct to check if a copy is available.

For further information from Bob Dulson, BBC Press Office, 12 Cavendish Place, London W1. Tel: 01-580 4468 ext 2828/22.

Union Catalogues Working Party

The British Library has set up an Ad Hoc Working Party on Union Catalogues to examine the purpose and scope of existing union catalogues and to consider the effects of automation, such as the development of the data bases of library cooperatives and BLAISE, on their future provision. The Working Party has been asked to report by the end of the year.

The Working Party's terms of reference are:

(i) To examine the purpose and scope of existing union catalogues, from the general (such as the British Library Lending Division's Union Catalogue of Books) to the special (such as the 'Union Catalogue of Asian Publications')
(ii) To consider the implications for union catalogues of developments in library automation
(iii) To suggest possible future patterns for union catalogue provision and how they might best be maintained

It is hoped that proposals will emerge for a rational pattern of union catalogue provision which will allow inter-library access to the stocks of UK libraries to complement the service provided from the British Library Lending Division's collection. An optimum service to readers making the most efficient use of new technology and available resources should then be possible. Further information is available from Stuart Ede, British Library, Lending Division, Boston Spa, Wetherby, West Yorkshire, LS23 7BQ.

Women in Libraries

One hundred and eighty women from the library world met in London at a conference in February to talk about the position and role of women in libraries. Delegates included representatives from publishing and the book trade as well as librarians and information officers.

Discussions were held on strategies for changing the situation whereby a profession dominated numerically by women has few reaching the top positions. The culmination of the day's discussion was the formation of Women in Libraries, a nationwide pressure group to improve the position of women within the profession. Regional and special interest groups are being formed, and it is hoped to start a group for women who work in special libraries. For further information contact: Sherry Jespersen, 8 Hill Road, London NW8. The next meeting of Women in Libraries will be held on 16 May 1981.

PUBLICATIONS

Latest research report from Aslib

Library and information services provided to local government officials and others in Leicestershire: a study of costs and benefits by John Martyn.

During the last three months of 1979 a study of current awareness services provided by Leicestershire Libraries and

Information Service to local government officers and others was carried out with grant support from the British Library Research and Development Department. This report provides an account of the study, with some conclusions to be drawn from the collected data, but does not attempt to make any generalizations about the broader contexts of services which could be provided by public libraries, or about information need and provision for local government officers in general. Such topics may be discussed, in the light of the present report, in subsequent journal articles.

A limited number of copies of this report are available from Aslib; UK £10.00, overseas £12.50.

Machine readable codes on books

A Joint Book Trade Working Party (consisting of publishers, booksellers, librarians and printers) has spent the last three years looking at the possibility of printing machine readable codes on to books. The Working Party has published a detailed interim report called: *Machine Readable Codes for the Book Trade 'Waiting for Bookland',* which is available from the BA Service House, 154 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 9TZ (price £7.25 per copy).

For the past decade it has become almost standard practice in the UK and other countries to allocate an International Standard Book Number (ISBN) for each book title and edition published, as a means of identifying uniquely a particular book. This practice has been useful for recording information in publishers' accounting, data processing and warehousing operations, as well as for ordering and stock control purposes in bookselling and library environments. There is now an increasing demand for such recording of data to be done by machine and by electronic means which, compared with manual methods, can save time and labour as well as reduce the level of human error. As a result of this growing need for fast and reliable means of data capture, it was felt by the trade that the information should be recorded on books in a machine readable form.

Initially, the Working Party is recommending that publishers place machine readable codes on new books, new editions and reprints which incorporate new artwork. It is envisaged that there will be a phasing-in period of about three years as more and more books carry codes. Backlists will only be coded as appropriate at the discretion of the publishers, possibly by sticking on labels.

The *Technical Specification and Operating Manual* will be published by The Publishers Association at £30 to Aslib members, £40 to non-members, ISBN 0 85386 070 X, and can be ordered from Mrs Gail Bradley, 108 Cowley Road, Oxford, OX4 1HW. Further information is available from The Publishers Association, 19 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3HJ.

Reviews

Financial aspects of library and information services: a bibliography. Alan Cooper. Loughborough: Loughborough University, Department of Library and Information Studies, Centre for Library and Information Management, 1980. 117p. (CLAIM report no. 5) (BLRDR 5573) ISBN 0 904924 23 8. £10.00.

The bibliography lists 850 English language documents on financial aspects of library and information services, published during 1969 to 1979. A short glossary on library finance, particularly in the United States of America, is provided, in the form of a reprinted journal article.

Entries are annotated, and arranged in classified order. The introduction discusses the coverage of the bibliography, the sources consulted and cites two previous bibliographies, which this bibliography complements. The general section of the bibliography, covers general works, bibliographies, reviews of literature, glossaries, professional education and research. It is then divided into the following sections: types of libraries, library materials, technical services, reader services, management, financing, budgeting, costing, fees, insurance and taxation. These sections are further subdivided. The name index lists the names of personal and corporate authors, titles of anonymous items, and the names of publications and corporate bodies as subjects.

Repertoire international des recherches appliquées à la protection de l'homme au travail. 4e edition. Paris: INRS, 1980. 403p. F550. ISBN 2 85599 160 9.

The English translation of the title of this directory is the *International Directory of Applied Research for the Protection of Man at Work,* and it contains details of 2680 research projects either currently in progress or being planned at 293 organizations in 37 countries.

The directory is divided into two main sections: a listing of the research projects, and a listing of the organizations involved with these projects. The section concerned with the research projects is classified into 28 different subject areas and each entry gives details of the organization, name of the research worker, and title of the project in French. The listing of organizations is divided first of all by country. The countries are listed alphabetically in French, and then within each country the organizations are arranged alphabetically by name in their respective language of origin, with a French translation given for the name of each organization. The information given for each organization, which is all in French, includes address, telephone number, type of organization, how it is financed, year the organization was founded, and the name of the Director. There are also details of the subject area of research of each organization, any notable specialized equipment in use, and details of publications produced. There are three indexes to this publication: an index of organizations, arranged by country in French alphabetical order, an index of research workers, and a French subject index.

Repertoire International des Recherches Appliquées à la Protection de l'homme au travail is a useful source for information concerning a number of research organizations worldwide, but its main drawback for the UK user is that all the detailed information is in French, the only details in other languages being the names of the organizations. A copy of this publication is available for reference in the Information Services Department at Aslib.

Collins German–English, English–German dictionary by Peter Terrell, Veronika Calderwood Schnorr, Wendy V. A. Morris, and Roland Breitsprecher. London: Collins, 1980. 1582p ISBN 0 00433480 9. £9.95.

The 135,000 words and 95,000 illustrative phrases have been chosen with an emphasis on contemporary usage of the two languages, including American-English, together with Swiss, Austrian and East German usages of German. Entries are context – specific with indicators for the style of usage, for example denoting vulgar or dated words.

Basic technical writing. Herman M. Weisman. 4th ed. London: Charles E. Merrill, 1980. 414p ISBN 0 675 081467. £10.50.

This manual of practice covers reports, articles and papers, technical correspondence, proposals, and oral reports, background information on the process of communication, and the role of technical writing as part of the scientific process, is also included. This edition is revised and enlarged from the previous edition, particularly in the areas of the graphic presentation of writing, and grammar usage. Appendices illustrate examples from the text and a select bibliography is included.

The future of the printed word: the impact and the implications of the new communications technology. Philip Hills *ed.* London: Frances Pinter, 1980. 172p ISBN 0 903804 70 0. £10.00.

The collection of 13 papers gives a general overview of electronic publishing and its possible impact related to present techniques. The new techniques of publishing, printing and storing information are briefly described including papers on Euronet, microforms and videodiscs. The presentation of information on the new media is discussed in detail.

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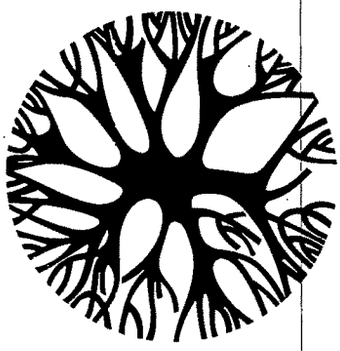

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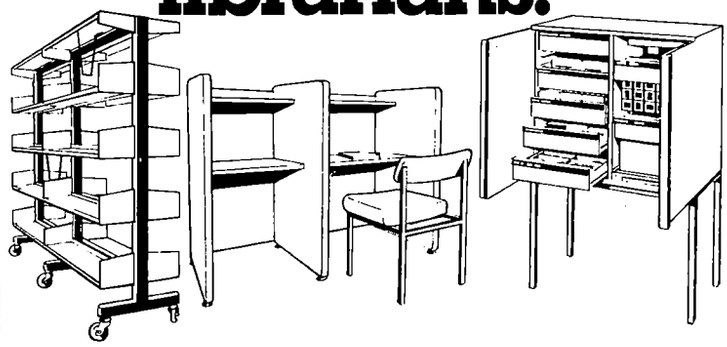

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Fee: £65; Aslib NRCd members £48
Details and application form in March issue of Aslib Information
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

3 Wed 11.00 — Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group Visit: Royal Horticultural Society's Gardens, Wisley
Fee: £2.00; Group members £1.50
Contact: Susan Childs, Basement flat 1a, Palmeira Square, Hove, Sussex, BN3 2JB

3 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Computer Group Evening Meeting: Bookline for Special Libraries, by Dr Phil Holmes, Blackwells
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib

3 Wed 18.00 19.00 — Economic and Business Information Group Annual General Meeting and Dinner
Speaker: Henry James, United Association of Pension Funds
Guinness's Park Royal Brewery, London NW10
Contact: Nigel Oxbrow, Alan Armstrong & Associates Ltd, London Business School, Sussex Place, Regents Park, London NW1 4SA
Tel: 01 262 5050

4 Thurs — Current affairs information: a Conference
Geological Society of London,
Burlington House, W1
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Programme and registration form with May issue

4 Thurs All Day — Audiovisual Group Meeting: An Audio Day
am Sound Archives
Imperial War Museum
pm Maintenance of Sound Equipment
Polytechnic of South Bank
Contact: Mrs B. Smith, London College of Fashion, 20 John Princes Street, London W1M 9HE
Tel: 01 629 9401

9 Tues 16.30 — Aslib Annual General Meeting, Royal Aeronautical Society, London W1
Contact: Director's Secretary

9 Tues 17.15 for 18.00 — Aslib 14th Annual Lecture: The Revolution of Communications, by Mr E. Ploman, International Institute of Communications, Royal Aeronautical Society, 4 Hamilton Place, London W1
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Leaflet with this issue

10 Wed 14.30 — Economic and Business Information Group Visit: Inland Revenue Library, Somerset House, Strand, London WC2
Contact: Maria Collins, Librarian, Department of Trade Statistics and Market Intelligence Library, Export House, 50 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7 HV Tel: 01 248 5757 ext 370

18 Thurs — Chemical Group Meeting and Visit: Archives and Record Management System, BP, Britannic House, Moor Lane, London EC2
Contact: Frances Tait, BBC, Broadcasting House, Room 3, 1 Duchess Street, London W1A 1AA

19 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group Meeting: Report on FIT Congress, Warsaw, by Miss C. M. Picken
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Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib

22/23 Mon/Tues — Aslib Course: Computer Produced Indexes
Aslib
Fee: £90; Aslib members £70
Details and application form in May issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

24 Wed 10.00 — Social Sciences Information Group whole-day Visit: Office of Population Censuses and Surveys
St. Catherines House, 10 Kingsway, WC2
Contact: Mrs M. Windsor, The Volunteer Centre, 29 Lower King's Road, Berkhamsted, Herts HP4 2AB Tel: 044 27 73311

24 Wed 14.30 — Economic and Business Information Group Visit and Datastream Demonstration, Ashridge Management College, Berkhamsted
Contact: Mrs S. Webb, Librarian, Ashridge Management College, Berkhamsted, Herts

JULY

3/6 Fri/Mon — Aslib/LA Audiovisual Groups Joint Study School and Conference
Loughborough University
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15 Wed — Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group whole-day visit: ICI Plant Protection Division
Jealott's Hill Research Station, Bracknell, Berks
Contact: Susan Childs, Basement flat 1a, 8 Palmeira Square, Hove, Sussex BN3 2DB

23 Wed 18.00 — Audiovisual Group Visit: Commonwealth Institute Library
Kensington High Street, London W8
Contact: Mrs B. Smith, London College of Fashion, 20 John Princes Street, London W1M 9HE

SEPTEMBER

8/9 Tues/Wed — Engineering Group Seminar
Engineering Information Problems and Forum on Small Firms (for engineers)
Eastbourne, Brighton
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18 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group Meeting: Unusual languages forum
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Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib

22/25 Tues/Fri — Aslib 54th Annual Conference: Information '81: forecasts and realities
University of Oxford
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
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29/Oct 2 Tues/Fri — Aslib Course: Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
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Details and application form in June issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

OCTOBER

7 Wed — Getting the most out of EURONET: a seminar for online users
Imperial College, London SW7
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8/9 Thurs/Fri — Aslib Course: Introduction to Library Automation
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12/14 Mon/Wed	Aslib Course: Current Awareness and Technical Change Aslib Fee: £100; Aslib members £80 Details and application form later Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
16 Fri 15.00	Technical Translation Group Meeting, Aslib Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib Details later
20 Tues	Informatics/Computer Groups Information Retrieval Fair Imperial College, London SW7 Contact: J. C. McLelland, BSI(THE), Maylands Avenue, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP2 4SQ Details later
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NOVEMBER

*5/6 Thurs/Fri	Aslib/Translators' Guild of the Institute of Linguists Conference: Practical experience of Machine Translation Scientific Societies Lecture Theatre, Fortress House, 23 Savile Row, London W1 Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
13 Fri 15.00	Technical Translation Group Meeting Aslib Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
18 Wed	Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group one-day workshop: Agricultural, biological and medical periodicals — resource sharing Aslib Contact: Susan Childs, Basement flat 1a, 8 Palmeira Square, Hove, Sussex BN3 2JB
23/27 Mon/Fri	Aslib Course: Business Information Aslib Fee: £120; Aslib members £90 Details and application form later Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

DECEMBER

4 Fri 15.00	Technical Translation Group Meeting, Aslib Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib Details later

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*12/14 Wed/Fri	EURIM 5: a European conference on research into the management of information services and libraries Palais des Congrès, Versailles, France Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib Details later

SEPTEMBER

21/24 Tues/Fri	Aslib 55th Annual Conference University of Manchester Owens Park Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib Details later

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Aslib will be held this year at 4.30 pm on Tuesday 9 June at the Royal Aeronautical Society in Hamilton Place, near Hyde Park Corner, which was the setting of last year's meeting. The Aslib Annual Lecture on the Revolution of Communications, by Mr E. Ploman, Executive Director of the International Institute of Communications, will be delivered in the same hall at 6 pm on that day. Tea for those attending the lecture will be served at 5.15 pm.

New Director of Aslib

Aslib is pleased to announce that its new Director is to be Dr Dennis Lewis who takes up his new post on 1 October 1981. However, in order to facilitate the transition for the new Director and for Aslib, it has been agreed that Dr Lewis will take up his duties on a part-time basis from 1 July 1981.

Dr Lewis is at present the head of Technical Intelligence and Library at I.C.I. (Plastics Division), Welwyn Garden City, Herts – a position he has held since 1968.

Dr Lewis, who is 52, married with two sons, is a graduate of the University of London where, after serving two years in the R.A.F., he obtained a first class degree in Chemistry in 1953 and his PhD. in 1956. He is well known in the information and library profession, being an active member on a number of committees including, until very recently, the British Library Advisory Council.

Under Dr Lewis's leadership, Council looks forward to a period of renewed prosperity in the affairs of Aslib and to a decade in which Aslib will exert a significant and growing influence on the development of the information industry not only in the United Kingdom but also on the international scene.

National Information Policy

The main recommendations of the Select Committee of the House of Commons on *Information Storage and Retrieval in the British Library*, were summarised in *Aslib Information* in January 1981, and included proposals that the Government should appoint a Minister of Cabinet rank to take responsibility for information policy and that a Standing Committee should be set up as a matter of urgency to examine all aspects of the development of a national information policy.

The Government, through the Minister for the Arts, has now published its observations on these proposals.* Whilst accepting that libraries and information services should be regarded as a single area of concern the Government feels that it would be inappropriate to concentrate executive responsibility in the hands of one Minister and suggest that, in cases where an initiative needs to be taken on a matter not within the defined interest of an existing government department, the Minister for the Arts will consult with colleagues and take appropriate action.

Neither does the Government consider it appropriate to set up a Standing Commission but will review the membership and functions of the Library Advisory Council which, with a change of title, will be encouraged to establish machinery for expert consideration of special problems in the information field and to extend its concern to services other than those provided by Government.

Although the response falls short of meeting the recommendations of the Select Committee there is, at least, a recognition that some machinery for co-ordinating national information policy is necessary and it is now up the library and information associations and their members to provide the Minister and the Office of Arts and Libraries with the advice and encouragement needed in order to pursue further the original objectives.

**Observations by the Government on the Second and Fourth Reports from the Select Committee on Education, Science and the Arts, Session 1979–80.* HMSO, April 1981. (Cmnd 8237).

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7 October 1981, Imperial College, London

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Practical Experience of Machine Translation: a conference
5–6 November 1981, Scientific Societies Lecture Theatre, Fortress House, Savile Row, London W1

Following in the wake of two successful co-operative efforts of the Aslib Technical Translation Group and the Translators' Guild of the Institute of Linguists – Translating and the Computer in 1978 and Machine Aids for Translators last November – comes Practical Experience of Machine Translation, a somewhat more ambitious project, jointly sponsored by Aslib and the Translators' Guild.

The theme of this conference, which should attract translators, administrators and computer people in government, institutions and industry, academics, promoters of MT systems, MT users and potential users, is machine translation (MT) in practice rather than theory. Its object is to gather and disseminate information on the state of the art of machine translation in Canada, the USA, the Soviet Union and the Far East, as well as Europe. Speakers in the core sessions will be practitioners (mainly translators) who work on MT systems in regular use. The scene will be set by a partly theoretical introductory session and the concluding session, taking a speculative look at innovation and its limits, should suggest where to concentrate future research and marketing.

The programme for this event, including full details of sessions and speakers and a registration form, will be available early in July. Contact for information and enquiries: The Conference Organizer, Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL.

EURIM 5: a European conference on research into the management of information services and libraries
12–14 May 1982, Palais des Congrès, Versailles

The sponsors of EURIM 5 – Aslib with the Association Nationale de la Recherche Technique, Bibliothèque Royale de Belgique, Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Dokumentation, NOBIN and NORDFORSK – are planning a programme under the following main heads: *Management of information services and libraries,* including marketing, promotion, evaluation and economic aspects; *retrieval techniques,* including new work on classification and indexing methods, bibliometrics and artificial intelligence; *information transfer and delivery,* including studies of information flow within organizations, document delivery and new communication techniques; *education, training and manpower,* including manpower forecasting research, training methods, and educating the users of tomorrow; *multilingual systems,* including machine translation and machine aids for translators. In choosing topics and speakers, the aim will be to present new and original research and in discussion to explore current thinking about the systems and practice of the future.

The beautiful accommodation at the Palais des Congrès at Versailles provides ample opportunity for an exhibition, a great enhancement to the interest of the conference, which it is hoped will attract an even larger attendance than in the past. Watch this space for reports on progress of the arrangements; a programme and registration form will be distributed towards the end of the year. Contact: The Conference Organizer, Aslib.

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Bibliographies

In response to the entry in *Aslib Information* July 1974, and further to the lists given in recent issues, we have received the following bibliographies, which are available direct from the issuing organizations. **PLEASE GIVE FULL DETAILS WHEN ORDERING** – the Bibliography number alone is not sufficient to enable the publishing organization to identify the item.

Bibliographies nos. 1949–1967, listed in the May 1981 issue of *Aslib Information* were incorrectly numbered. They should have been numbered nos. 1549–1567. The numbering in this list continues the correct sequence, starting with no. 1568. We apologize for any inconvenience this error may have caused.

Bibl–1568
City of London Polytechnic. LLRS Educational Development Service.
Media resources in social work for the lecturer. 1979. 16 pages. £1.00.
Available from: LLRS Educational Development Centre, City of London Polytechnic, Calcutta House Precinct, Old Castle Street, London E1 7NT.

Bibl–1569
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Almond (Prunus amygdalus) 1969–1979. 1980. 344 refs. U.K. £6.00. Overseas £7.20.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl–1570
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Chestnuts (Castanea spp.) 1971–1979. 1980. 112 refs. U.K. £4.50. Overseas £5.40.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl–1571
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Macadamias (Macadamia ternifolia, M. tetraphylla) 1971–1979. 1980. 117 refs. U.K. £4.50. Overseas £5.40.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl–1572
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Pecan (Carya illinoensis) 1971–1979. 1980. 301 refs. U.K. £6.00. Overseas £7.20.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl–1573
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Walnuts (Juglans spp.) 1969–1979. 1980. 330 refs. U.K. £6.00. Overseas £7.20.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl–1574
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Heat flow in soil (1967–1976). (Supplement to No. S1187). 1978. 63 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA 1967. U.K. £3.50. Overseas £4.20.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl–1575
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Humate fertilizers (1968–1976). (Supplement to No. S1347R). 1978. 30 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SB 1969. U.K. £3.00. Overseas £3.60.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl–1576
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Methods for studying the soil fauna (1973–1977). (Supplement to No. S1687). 1978. 61 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA 1968. U.K. £3.50. Overseas £4.20.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl–1577
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Methods of measuring soil air relations (1970–1976). (Supplement to No. S1400). 1978. 53 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA 1964. U.K. £3.50. Overseas £4.20.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl–1578
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Soil consistency (1957–1976). 1978. 122 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA 1954. U.K. £4.50. Overseas £5.40.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl–1579
Department of Employment Library.
The disabled – recent general books and pamphlets. 1979. 10 pages. Library Checklist: CL77.
Available from: Department of Employment Library, 12 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LL.

Bibl–1580
Department of Employment Library
Hours of work, flexible working hours and shiftwork. 1979. 7 pages. Library Checklist: CL42.
Available from: Department of Employment Library, 12 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LL.

Bibl–1581
Department of Employment Library.
Race relations. 1979. 27 pages. Library Checklist: CL116.
Available from: Department of Employment Library, 12 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LL.

Bibl–1582
Department of Employment. Work Research Unit.
Pay system implications of work organization changes. 1979. 3 pages. Work Research Unit Bibliography No. 29.
Available from: Work Research Unit, Department of Employment, Almack House, 26 King Street, London SW1Y 6RB.

Bibl–1583
Department of Employment. Work Research Unit.
Quality of work life developments in Germany. 1979. 7 pages. Work Research Unit Bibliography No. 30.
Available from: Work Research Unit, Department of Employment, Almack House, 26 King Street, London SW1Y 6RB.

Bibl–1584
Electricity Council. Intelligence Section.
District heating: a select list of 67 references covering the time period 1976–1979. 1979. Bibliographies B80b.
Available from: Intelligence Section, Electricity Council, 30 Millbank, London SW1P 4RD.

Bibl–1585
Electricity Council. Intelligence Section.
Energy and economic growth: a select list of 21 references covering the time period September 1971–June 1979. 1979. Bibliographies B126.
Available from: Intelligence Section, Electricity Council, 30 Millbank, London SW1P 4RD.

Bibl–1586
International Bee Research Association.
Annotated bibliography on Varroa jacobsoni, Tropilaelaps clareae and Euvarroa sinhai. 1979. 299 refs. IBRA Bibliography No. 15. £5.00: 50% discount to IBRA Members!
Available from: IBRA, Hill House, Gerrards Cross, Bucks SL9 0NR.

Bibl–1587
International Bee Research Association.
World-wide standards for hive products except honey, and for equipment used in beekeeping and in processing hive products. 1979. 12 pages. IBRA Bibliography No. 24. £3.00: 50% discount to IBRA Members.
Available from: IBRA, Hill House, Gerrards Cross, Bucks SL9 0NR.

Bibl–1588
International Organization for Standardization.
International standards for plastics and plastics products. Second edition. 1979. 23 pages. ISO Bibliography 6.
Available from: Information Centre, International Organization for Standardization, Case postale 56, CH-1211, Genève 20.

Bibl–1589
International Organization for Standardization.
International standards for rubber and rubber products. Second edition. 1979. 18 pages. ISO Bibliography 5.
Available from: Information Centre, International Organization for Standardization, Case postale 56, CH-1211, Genève 20.

Bibl–1590
Little, E. C. S.
Handbook of utilization of aquatic plants: a review of world literature. 1979. 176 papes. FAO Fisheries Technical Paper No. 187.
Available from: Fisheries Department, FAO, Via delle Terme de Caracalla, 00100 Rome, Italy.

Bibl–1591
Nature Conservancy Council. Information and Library Services.
Wildlife in the city. 1979. 12 pages. Bibliography series No. 2. £1.00.
Available from: Information and Library Services, Nature Conservancy Council, Calthorpe House, Calthorpe Street, Banbury, Oxon OX16 8EX.

Bibl–1592
Office of Population Censuses and Surveys Library.
Migration: some general works. 1979. 6 pages.
Available from: Office of Population Censuses and Surveys Library, St Catherines House, 10 Kingsway, London WC2B 6JP.

ABASG News

Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group Newsletter No. 20

Copy for the next issue should be sent to Ms J. Lovenack, The Library, Chelsea College, Hortensia Road, London, SW10 0QR. Tel: 01 352 5778 ex. 30, by 10 July 1981.

Agricultural librarians at CLW

At the request of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the College of Librarianship Wales is organizing a course for forty agricultural librarians from developing countries. The course will run from 8 August–5 September 1981, and the candidates will be selected by the FAO in Rome. Particular attention will be paid to the needs of librarians from smaller libraries with few resources and staff. For further information please contact Glyn Collins, Liaison and Training Services, College of Librarianship Wales, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Dyfed SY23 3AS. Tel: Aberystwyth (STD 0970) 3181, ex. 210.

Micronutrient bureau

This new, independent, organization based in the UK was set up in October 1980 to provide a worldwide technical advisory and consultancy service on micronutrients and their use in agriculture. The Bureau publishes five abstract bulletins *Boron in agriculture; Copper in agriculture; Manganese in agriculture; Molybdenum in agriculture; Zinc in agriculture,* as well as *Micronutrient News* each title being issued four times per annum. The subscription for these six titles is £61.00 per annum (and £65.00 per annum air mail). The Bureau plans to cover other micronutrients, is compiling registers of products, suppliers and research workers and can provide technical advice to individual subscribers on a consultancy basis, and a personal information alerting system. Market Studies are in hand e.g. *The basis for, and the use of, trace elements in the UK,* being in preparation as the first of many dealing with different parts of the world. Subscriptions and further information can be obtained by writing to Dr V. M. Shorrocks, Micronutrient Bureau, M.B. House, Wiggington, Tring, Hertfordshire HP23 6ED.

Royal Entomological Society of London

The catalogue of the Library of the Royal Entomological Society of London has been published* in five volumes from the library's card index (c. 78,500 cards). This author catalogue with title entries for anonymous or edited works and extensive cross-references was originally compiled according to the rules of the British Museum; recently, however, Anglo-American cataloguing rules have been adapted.

The fact that G. K. Hall and Co., of Boston, Massachusetts, have taken this initiative in publishing the Society's catalogue in printed book form is an indication of the exceptional nature of this collection of entomological works.

The Library of the Royal Entomological Society was founded at the first meeting of the society in 1833. Since that time, it has become one of the finest entomological collections in the world. Presently, the library's catalogue records some 9000 monographs and reference works, 50,000 pamphlets, many unique, and 600 journals, 270 of which are taken currently. In addition, the library maintains collections of correspondence, manuscripts, and drawings.

Special holdings in the library include a very complete collection of older systematic works, dating from 1609 and including many of the large illustrated monographs produced in the 18th and early 19th centuries. Several of these works were acquired from the Bromfield and Stainton Libraries, which were donated to the society. The Stainton Library also contained the library of J. F. Stephens, and was extensively used by Hagen in compiling his famous *Bibliotheca Entomologica.*

Other notable holdings of the library include a special collection on the methods of apiculture received from the Rev. F. W. Hope in 1839. The Apiarian Society later supplemented Hope's collection.

In recent years, the library's acquisitions policy has concentrated on works of systematic entomology in all languages. A particular goal has been to purchase the expensive monographs and taxonomic catalogues that are generally beyond the resources of individuals.

Readers of this Newsletter may already be aware that RESL publishes several journals and a series of symposia (now published on the Society's behalf by Blackwell Scientific Publications), but they may not be so familiar with the Society's other publications which include a series of Handbooks for the Identification of British Insects. This now covers many families of various Orders. Each Handbook includes illustrated keys, together with concise morphological, bionomic and distributional information. A full list and order form is available on application to the Registrar (RESL, 41 Queens Gate, London SW7 5HU), who will also be pleased to supply further information about the published Catalogue.

**Catalogue of the Library of the Royal Entomological Society of London.* 5 volumes. Boston, Ms, G. K. Hall and Co., 1979. Price: $495.00.

Environmental Data and Ecological Parameters – EDE database

This is available from the DIANE host Datacentralen. EDE is a factual database containing more than 30,000 environmental and ecological observations. It contains information (and references) about organisms, global cycles, pesticides, toxic substances, concentration factors, ecotoxicology and rates of environmental processes. The price for EDE is 270 D.kr per connect hour, with a quarterly minimum of three hours. For further details contact: International Society for Ecological Modelling (ISEM), Langkaer Vaenge 9, DK – 3400 Vaerløse, Denmark.

Reprinted from *Online Notes* (1981) *2* (9) p. 2.

New publications

Carmel, Michael *Ed. Medical librarianship*. London: The Library Association, 1981. ISBN (cased) 0 85365 502 2. £12.50. ISBN (paper covers) 0 85365 703 3. £8.00.

Table of Databases relevant to Agriculture. 1980. This four page guide, produced by the Online Information Centre, is only available as part of a package of ten, the others covering such topics as going online, databases in medical and allied fields, patent databases and other information. Details and the sets (which cost £10.00), are available from: The Online Information Centre, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL.

Electronics Group News

ASLIB Electronics Group Newsletter

Please send contributions or information for the newsletter to: Chris Bigger, Information Officer, GEC-Marconi Research Laboratories, West Hanningfield Road, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Essex. Tel: (0245) 73331 ex. 382.

1981 Conference

The twenty-third Electronics Group conference was held on 3–5 April at Loughborough University of Technology, Leicestershire. Summaries of the conference papers will appear in a later newsletter.

Committee

At the AGM held during the conference weekend the committee was re-elected as there were no further nominations. At the subsequent committee meeting the officers were elected and Jennifer Woeller (Plessey Radar Limited) was welcomed as a new co-opted member. The officers are now as follows:

Chairman: Mr A. Doyle (Civil Aviation Authority)
Vice-Chairman: Mr J. E. Bolton-Allen (British Telecommunications Systems Ltd)
Secretary: Mr D. Stanley (Standard Telecommunication Laboratories Ltd)
Treasurer: Mrs M. A. Bridge (Department of Industry and Trade)
Conference Secretary: Mrs J. P. Tomlinson (Institution of Electrical Engineers)
Publications Secretary: Mr C. J. Bigger (GEC-Marconi Research Laboratories Ltd)
Visits and Meetings Secretary: Mr C. W. Clarke (MOD(PE), E.O.D.)
Membership Secretary: Mrs M. J. Paterson (Philips Research Laboratories)

IEEE Letter-Code Guide

The supplement to the *IEEE Letter Guide* was printed in April. The supplement updates the original 1975 edition to 1981. All Electronics Group members will receive a free copy of the supplement. Non-members who would like a copy should send an SAE to Chris Bigger at the above address. The main guide is still available and can now be obtained with the supplement from Chris Bigger, price £1.50, cash with order, cheques etc. payable to 'Aslib Electronics Group'.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Online information meeting

Offers of papers are invited for the 5th International Online Information Meeting which will be held at the Cunard Hotel, London, from 8–10 December 1981. The meeting is organized by Online Review, and the meeting reflects the meteoric rise in the use of online information retrieval and follows the highly successful first four meetings where some 2,500 delegates attended from some 26 countries.

The conference will offer a varied programme of presentations addressing current problems and opportunities facing all those involved with providing information in business, industry, government and the academic world. Papers reviewing present networks, systems and databases will be welcomed.

Further details are available from the Organizing Secretary, Online Review, Learned Information (Europe) Ltd., Besselsleigh Road, Abingdon, Oxford OX13 6LG, England.
Tel: (0865) 730275: Telex 837704 INFORM G.

AEBIG News

Aslib Economic and Business Information Group

Please send all contributions for this section to: Paul Neville, Industrial Affairs Specialist, BBC, Broadcasting House, Room 2, 1 Duchess Street, London W1A 1AA. Tel: 01 580 4468 ex. 4398.

North of Watford

Lindsay Churchill and Terry Hanstock write:— A good deal of time and effort has been spent on attempting to organize events on a more regional basis, away from London and the South East. A visit to the *Guardian* library in Manchester attracted nine people on the day. However, a seminar arranged in Leeds on *Selling Your Library Service* had to be cancelled when the number of people expressing an interest remained in single figures.

We appreciate that the recession has hit everyone's budgets so we would welcome suggestions for events and activities which would receive more active support from our 'provincial' members.

Floods of ideas should be directed to:— Lindsay Churchill, Marketing Information Officer, Rolls-Royce Ltd., P.O. Box 31, Derby, DE2 8BJ. Tel: 0332 42424 ex. 1848.

Missing an index?

David Pygott points out that *The Banker* has, in the past, included an annual index with the January issue. This year, a small, easily missed insert announces that the index is available free on request — so act now if you missed it!

Book Offers

J. Walter Thompson have the following for disposal:—

Standard Directory of Advertising Agencies (Agency Red Book) Oct 80.
Media of the Arab World, compiled by Katherine McMenemy. 1978.
Rapports Annuels sur la politique a l'egard des consommateurs, dans les pays membres de l'OECD. 1979.
Directory of Directors. 1979.
Chemist and Druggist directory. 1980.
Kelly's Post Office London directory. 1980.
Benn's Hardware Directory. 1980.
Stock Exchange Official Yearbook. 1979–80.
Education Yearbook. 1980.
DOG 1980 Employers. (Directory of Opportunities for Graduates).
City Directory. 1978–79.
Bankers' Almanac and Yearbook. 1979–80.
Off Licence News Directory. 1980.
Ulster Yearbook. 1980.
Harpers Directory. 1980.
London Directory of Industry and Commerce. 1981 (3 copies).

Anyone interested and willing to collect these books will be more than welcome to them! Please contact Christine Smith in the Information Centre, J. Walter Thompson Company Ltd., 40 Berkeley Square, London, W1X 6AD. Tel: 01-629 9496 ex. 2070.

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EVENTS

UK Online User Group

A one-and-a-half-day seminar on 'Online search systems and command languages' will be held in London on 1–2 September 1981. It is an extended repeat of the course held last November.

The aim of the course is to provide inexperienced searchers with a rational approach to learning the many systems available. An important feature will be the length of time available for hands-on participation under expert guidance. The programme will comprise an afternoon comparing search systems and commands and discussing criteria for choosing a system. The second day will be occupied with demonstrations of different systems (probably Lockheed, SDC, Pergamon-Infoline, Blaise, IRS, and Data Star) followed by practical exercises.

For further details please contact: Daphne Clark, The Library, The Hatfield Polytechnic, PO Box 110, Hatfield, Herts AL10 9AD. Tel: Hatfield 68100 ex. 264.

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Dokumentation

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Dokumentation will be holding their 'Dokumentartag' in the Rheingoldhalle in Mainz, West Germany on 5–8 October 1981. The theme will be 'Minicomputers in information and documentation' and papers on facsimile transmission, new technology, document supply and terminology will be presented and developed in seminars and workshops. The Verein Deutschen Dokumentare will also hold its annual general meeting and the new president of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Dokumentation will be elected.

Further information is available from: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Dokumentation e.v., Geschäftsstelle, Westendstrasse 19, D-6000 Frankfurt-am-Main 1, West Germany. Tel: (0611) 747761/62.

Voice data systems conference

The first conference for users of computerized voice data systems will be held at the Marriott Hotel, Santa Clara, California on 7 and 8 October 1981. It will be sponsored by Lockheed Missiles and Space Company (LMSC), Sunnyvale, and will be entitled 'Voice Entry Systems Applications.' The chairman will be Leon Lerman, who spearheaded LMSC's high-productivity voice data entry system. The system allows humans to talk to computers. Lerman conceived the idea of the conference to foster communication among the users of speech recognition equipment and to compare applications, equipment, problems and solutions.

Leon Lerman is soliciting papers and inquiries, which may be addressed to him at Lockheed Missiles and Space Company, Organization 86–10, Building 182, PO Box 504, Sunnyvale, Calif. 94086. Tel: (408) 742-2539.

Reference work course

A non-residential course on advanced reference work, organized by The LA and RSIS will be held on 9–13 November 1981 at The Department of Library and Information Studies, Manchester Polytechnic, Ormond Building, Lower Ormond Street, Manchester M15 6BX. The conference fee will be £60.00 and further details can be obtained from Peter Lea, Department of Librarianship and Information Studies, Manchester Polytechnic. Tel: 061-228-6171 ex. 2691.

BIOSIS seminars

BioSciences Information Service (BIOSIS), the publisher of *Biological Abstracts* and *Biological Abstracts/RRM* (Reports, Reviews, Meetings) has announced its 1981 schedule of seminars on the use of *BIOSIS Previews*, the machine-readable version of the world's largest English-language bibliographic data base for life science research. In addition to Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced level courses of instruction, BIOSIS will also offer Pharma/BIOSIS and Agri/BIOSIS, special courses directed to the pharmaceutical and agricultural subject fields.

Further information is available from the BIOSIS User Services Department, 2100 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, USA.

NOTES

Libraries and computer software

Although in the past neither the national bibliographic agency nor the individual librarian (other than the very specialized program librarian) has been concerned with the recording and collection of computer programs, libraries may be required to take on new responsibilities in the future.

The advent of relatively cheap small computers has made computing power much more widely available than ever before. Unfortunately the production of software for the new microcomputers continues to be time-consuming and intellectually demanding. Many users do not have access to specialized staff in their own organizations and in preference to writing their own software may choose to buy or borrow programs written by others.

In the last few years these developments have helped to foster a 'publishing explosion' in computer software, particularly in the business field, but in other areas, such as education, users continue to report difficulties in finding out what software exists in a particular subject field. The difficulties of users in all fields are increased by the lack of compatibility between different machines and the problem of inadequate or confusing descriptions of items in commercial catalogues. Programs may also exist in a number of different versions, and may be modified to the extent that the final version hardly resembles the original at all.

Following approaches from the Council for Educational Technology and from other interested organizations the Research and Development Department recently supported a small seminar spread over two days to discuss these problems. The seminar brought together a wide cross-section of people, including those involved in recording and/or distributing educational software. Representatives of the Micro-electronics in Education Programme, based at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and the Computers in Education as a Resource (CEDAR) project based at Imperial College London were among those present. Other organizations in the computer field with relevant expertise were also represented, including the National Computing Centre. Delegates from school, polytechnic and university libraries, Aslib, the Library Association and the British Library Bibliographic Services Division also attended.

One of the main issues considered was the problem of bibliographic control, and there was general agreement that a national catalogue of computer software was required. The seminar participants went on to discuss who should maintain the catalogue, the extent of its subject coverage, the content of the catalogue record and the problem of ensuring that only programs of adequate quality were listed. Finally participants considered means of making programs more widely available, bearing in mind the need to protect the rights of program 'authors', the ease with which programs can be copied, and the present uncertainties over copyright protection in this area.

A report on the seminar will be available shortly. Anyone wishing to know more should contact Mr P. Baxter, British Library, Research and Development Department, Sheraton House, Great Chapel Street, London W1V 4BH (tel: 01-636 1544 ex. 564).

Mary Rowbottom, Aslib

Science Reference Library (Bayswater) moves

The British Library Science Reference Library's reading room at 10 Porchester Gardens, Queensway, London W2 is moving to a new site off the Aldwych. It will finally close to the public at 5.30 pm on Friday 29 May and reopen at 9.30 am on Monday 8 June at its new premises, 9 Kean Street, Drury Lane, London WC2 (tel: 01-636 1544 ex. 299).

Telephone enquiries and very urgent requests for literature will be handled by the Science Reference Library (Holborn), tel: 01-405 8721 exts 3344, 3345, during the week in which the transfer takes place.

Further information, including pamphlets showing the new location, are available from External Relations Section at Holborn, 25 Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1AW, tel: 01-405 8721 exts 3426, 2429.

SLA electronic mail project

Several members of the Board of Directors, the Special Libraries Association staff, and the Chairman of SLA's Networking Committee have begun the experimental use of Tymnet's On-Tyme Electronic Mail Service. This project has been arranged through the CLASS (California Library Authority for Systems and Services) On-Tyme account. At the conclusion of the experiment, each participant will respond to a questionnaire which will then be analyzed and evaluated by the Networking Committee. Based on the results, the Committee will present a recommendation to the Board of Directors for or against the continued use of the system. The Committee will also prepare an account of the experiment for publication in *Special Libraries* for the benefit of readers and Association members.

Library Association of Australia

The Library Association of Australia has recently moved. The new address is: Library Association of Australia, 473 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills, New South Wales 2010. Tel: (02) 698 4100.

Cataloging in Publication evaluation

The Council on Library Resources, Inc. has awarded the Library of Congress a grant of $11,000 to evaluate the Cataloging in Publication (CIP) program. Since July 1971, this cooperative program between the Library of Congress and more than 2,000 publishers has provided prepublication cataloging information for almost 200,000 titles issued in the United States. In anticipation of its 10th anniversary, the CIP program has mailed a questionnaire to approximately 2,200 randomly selected US libraries of all types and sizes.

The questionnaire will offer the American library community the opportunity to evaluate the CIP program's effectiveness. The questionnaire should reveal the extent and nature of use of the CIP data as well as its problems and benefits. A report of the results will be prepared and the findings will be used to encourage libraries to use the data more effectively and to improve the quantity or quality of publisher participation.

Library of Congress service

The Cataloging Distribution Service Alert Service — a new, weekly bibliographic notification service that provides current Library of Congress cataloguing in the subject fields of one's choice — is now being offered by the Library. Replacing the Proofsheet Service, the Alert Service notices are in the form of laser-printed, 3 X 5 cards.

The CDS Alert Service enables the customer to order notices for any combination of over 1,800 subject categories identified in the *CDS Alert Directory* or any combination of 22 broad subject categories which represent the primary letter categories of the Library of Congress classification schedules. The customer then receives weekly notices consisting of full Library of Congress cataloguing for just those specific subject areas.

The subject classifications the customer selects are entered into the CDS data base. The customer profile is matched against newly verified MARC records, on a weekly basis. Records matching the subject profile are captured, printed, and shipped directly to the customer, thereby assuring that CDS Alert Service notices are distributed at the same time MARC subscribers are sent their tapes.

Additional information on the CDS Alert Service, including costs, is available from the Customer Services Section, Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540, tel: (202) 287-6171 or 287-6100.

British Library Board

The Rt Hon Mark Carlisle, Secretary of State for Education and Science, has appointed two new part-time members of the British Library Board for the period 1 April 1981 to 31 March 1984. The new members are Sir Robert Clayton and Dr Michael Pegg.

A full list of members follows:

Chairman (part-time)	Sir Frederick Dainton FRS
Full-time members (4)	Sir Harry Hookway, Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive
	Mr P. R. Lewis, Director General of the Bibliographic Services Division of the British Library
	Mr M. B. Line, Director General of the Lending Division of the British Library
	Mr A. Wilson, Director General of the Reference Division of the British Library
Part-time members (9)	Lt Col The Rt Hon Lord Adeane PC, GCB, GCVO, appointed by HM The Queen
	Mrs C. B. Bicknell, retired civil servant
	Sir Robert Clayton, Technical Director, GEC
	Mr W. Gordon Graham MC, Chairman and Chief Executive of Butterworths
	Sir Denis Hamilton DSO, TD, Chairman of Times Newspapers Holdings Ltd
	Professor B. Morris, President of St. David's College, Lampeter
	Dr M. A. Pegg, Librarian, John Rylands University Library, University of Manchester
	Mr D. Robinson CBE, Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford
	Professor I. Stewart, Professor of Economics at the University of Edinburgh

PUBLICATIONS

Reviews

Contact: the UK News Contact Directory 1980–81. East Grinstead: IPC Media Publications, 1980. ISBN 610 00539 1. £25.00.

The publisher's statement regarding *Contact,* explains that as a first edition this publication can only be a beginning, however this is a very creditable start, given the wide scope of its aim. The aim is stated as 'the most comprehensive list ever published of press officers, public relations officers and spokesmen' for use by journalists. The directory is arranged in 6 sections as follows:

1. A–Z Press and Public Relations Officers
2. Classified Guide to Companies and Organizations
3. Media Guide
4. Services to Journalists and PROs
5. Sponsorship
6. Index of companies

The Media Guide appears to be potentially useful with details of those responsible for different subjects in press and radio and TV. A preliminary study of *Contact* would result in a potential user feeling, 'Is this all?' and some guidance as to the criteria for inclusion, the date of verification of the information, and the method of selection of entries, would be of interest. One would imagine that future editions of *Contact* would contain more entries; another suggestion for improvement would be a listing of the subject headings used in the Classified Guide at the beginning of the section. Members of Aslib may consult this publication prior to ordering. It is held in the Information Services Department.

Serial publications in the British Museum (Natural History) Library. 3rd ed, 3 vols. London: British Museum (Natural History), 1980. ISBN 0 565 00823 4.

This publication serves as a record of an estimated 17,000 serials which are held in the General Library, libraries of the departments of Botany, Entomology, Mineralogy, Palaeontology, Anthropology and Zoology of the British Museum (Natural History) and in the Zoological Museum at Tring. In compiling this publication the term serial has been used to include reports and other items issued in a number of parts over a period of time.

As in the previous edition the entries are arranged in one sequence, alphabetic by serial title, in three volumes. There are cross-references from former titles and additional or alternative titles to the main entry for each serial. Each main entry gives the full title of the publication together with its abbreviation according to the principles adopted in the fourth edition of the *World List of Scientific Periodicals.* The place of publication, changes of title, location and details of library holdings are also given. The serial coverage and general arrangement of this publication make it a valuable reference tool for anyone who needs to trace details or locate serials in the field of natural history or biological science. A copy of the publication is held in the Information Services Department and is available for reference at Aslib.

Direct mail databook. 3rd edition. Farnborough: Gower, 1980. ISBN 0 566 02177 3. £22.50.

Many organizations are becoming involved with direct mail, whether as list producers, potential lists purchasers, or as providers of a complete service in this area. Whatever an organization's degree of involvement with direct mail, the new edition of this publication will be a useful reference tool. The main section of the publication is a list of organizations providing services associated with direct mail including mailing houses, consultants, advertising agencies and publishers. Although the format of each entry is the same including names, addresses, directors names and details of services, the page layout makes distinction between entries difficult. The publication also contains a number of introductory articles to direct mail including one explaining the roles of the trade associations in direct mail, and another giving hints on achieving results through using direct mail. A subject listing of mailing lists is included, however the broad subject classification with only six areas i.e. agriculture, business and trade, consumers, education, professional and related interests, leisure activities, necessitates scanning of the complete section to avoid missing useful lists.

Despite some drawbacks, mentioned above, and the fact that this edition is concerned only with the UK, this publication is a useful tool for organizations at all levels of involvement with direct mail.

Key papers in information science. Edited by Belver C. Griffith. New York: Knowledge Industry for the American Society for Information Science, 1980. 439p. ISBN 0 914236 50 4.

This volume is part of the 'key papers' series published by the American Society for Information Science. It is a compilation of thirty reprinted papers, from a variety of interdisciplinary academic and professional journals and publications. The papers are divided into five subject areas entitled structure and dynamics of science information flow, information in innovation: required flows of knowledge, the structure of literature and documents, information retrieval and analysis and tools and ideas: the interface of information science and librarianship. The appendix is a listing of recent publications based upon papers in the volume.

Directory of commercial microfilm services in the United Kingdom. 5th ed. Compiled by Tony Hendley. Hatfield: National Reprographic Centre for Documentation, 1980. 39p. ISBN 0 85267 181 4. £4.00 (£3.50).

The directory is divided into four sections. The first section is an alphabetical list of organizations. Each entry consists of the name, address and telephone number of the organization, a name of contact, details of special features provided and a reference number, to be used in the following sections. The second section provides an indication of the number and variety of service bureaux available in the United Kingdom.

The next section is a key to the services offered by the organizations, as represented in the following table of services. The final section is a list of organizations arranged by county.

Online searching: an introduction. W. M. Henry, J. A. Leigh, L. A. Tedd *and* P. W. Williams. London: Butterworths, 1980. 209p. ISBN 0 408 106 964. £12.00.

The volume is an excellent guide to online searching for information officers and librarians. It is well planned, and chapters are subdivided into specific topics while the references are listed at the end of each chapter, with suggestions for further reading.

The introduction and first three chapters provide a good overview of online searching, the scope of services and databases, and the hardware required. The following chapters cover search techniques, the structuring of information within databases and search facilities available. Chapter 7 is devoted to search preparation and strategy, and appendix 1 provides a checklist of procedures. The role of the intermediary is discussed in the following chapter, while the last two chapters of the volume are devoted to management aspects of online searching, and education and training, which includes a description of aids and methods necessary. Six appendices outline the scope and character of the major search services – Blaise, ESA–IRS, Infoline, Lockheed, SDC and Euronet.

Videotex: the new television/telephone information services. Roger Woolfe. London: Heyden, 1980. 170p. ISBN 0 85501 493 8. £7.00.

The volume provides an excellent overview of videotex worldwide, and will prove useful to readers who want to evaluate videotex, its developments and possible uses. The work is well illustrated with clear black and white figures, colour plates and tables.

The first section deals with videotex services, and outlines its uses and market place. The second chapter in the section deals with system components, and illustrates the differences in systems by comparing Prestel and Antiope. Participants in the supply of a publicly available service are outlined in the following chapter, and the concluding chapter in the section deals with the videotex market place.

The second section is devoted to Prestel. An insight into how to use Prestel is given in the first chapter, while the following chapter discusses its early developments. Prestel's information retrieval service is dealt with in great depth in the following chapter, with particular reference to the structure and content of the database, response frames and publishing facilities on Prestel. The following chapter deals with Prestel's system components, and discusses system architecture, service centres and computers, software and terminals. The concluding two chapters discuss Prestel's cost and revenues, its development plans and prospects.

The last section of the book deals with developments in videotex worldwide, and services in Europe, the United States, Canada and Japan are outlined. The volume concludes with a useful glossary of terms.

The management of community information services in the public library. Joyce Watson, Judith Bowen and E. D. Walley. Leeds: Leeds Polytechnic, School of Librarianship, Public Libraries Management Research Unit, 1980. 193p. (BLRDR 5534) ISBN 0 900738 20 0.

The subjects covered by this report include the development of information and advice services, background information and the methodology of research carried out, a description of seven case studies, and the three models of service provision which exist in libraries, which include an analysis of how librarians define community information services. The fourth chapter sketches the background of other agencies involved with community information services. The concluding chapter provides recommendations for possible areas of further research, which includes how people find and use the infor-

mation which is provided by various agencies, the effectiveness of community information and advice services developed collaboratively, and a research project which would allow libraries to plan, implement and monitor services developed along the lines of the models described in the text.

The implications for library managers of the research is discussed. Also included is a bibliography on community information. The four appendices provide a breakdown of the interviews of librarians and agency workers, a sample of the interview schedules, and a table of the key perspectives found by the interview. Observations of direct service in the three case studies are discussed and shown in tabular form. The range and categories of information provided and a sample of the log sheets are also included.

Information Societies: comparing the Japanese and American experiences. Alex S. Edelstein, John E. Bowes and Sheldon M. Harsel: Seattle: University of Washington, School of Communications, International Communication Center, 1978. 297p. ISBN 0 933236 00 X. £6.60.

The United States and Japan have moved considerably in the direction of becoming information societies, and this volume is a compilation of papers presented at a three day conference. The introduction discusses the concept of information societies, and the manner in which they have evolved.

Part 1 of the work, comprising 12 papers, deals with 'National policies – international cooperation', which provides useful insights into the problem facing both societies. The second part is devoted to the development and functioning of information societies, and describes trends, growth and development of information societies, while the following section deals with communication problems in information societies, which covers the influences of technology on human communication. The penultimate section deals with the challenges of policy and comparative research and suggestions are given for policy research at community, national and international levels. The concluding section is devoted to summaries of discussions, carried out by five panels of participants of both nationalities. The subjects discussed included information society indicators, developments in communication technologies, individual and group processes of communication, social policies for information societies, and flows and barriers to cross national communication.

The volume is intended to stimulate the study of communication systems from comparative and international perspectives.

Information sources in education and work. Edited by Kenneth Dibden and James Tomlinson. London: Butterworths, 1981. (Butterworths guides to information sources). £21.25 SBN 408 70923 5.

The subject of this book is sources of information on all aspects of career choice, from the first choices between subjects at school through to chosing and application for a job. The authors are not librarians or information scientists, but professionals in education vocational guidance and personnel work. Most of the chapters seem to be designed for those responsible for advising young people, but some are addressed directly to the young people themselves.

There is a bibliography at the end of the book, bringing together the references cited in the various chapters. References are not given in the conventional form, but most of the essential information is provided. Much of the material covered consists of pamphlets and there are some audiovisual materials included. There is no index.

Videotex, viewdata and teletext. Online Conferences. Northwood Hills, Middlesex: Online, 1980. 624p. ISBN 0 903796 52 X.

The volume is a compilation of 46 pre-prints of papers presented at 'Viewdata 80'; the 1st world conference on viewdata, videotex and teletext. The contents page groups together the papers under various subject headings, while the papers appear in random order, the stated reason being to include as many preprints as possible.

The text is illustrated where possible with good figures and black and white illustrations.

A good overview of viewdata, videotext and teletext activities internationally is provided, with status reports of videotex activities in Canada, France, Japan and the United States of America and viewdata activities in the United Kingdom. Videotext developments in the Netherlands and Finland are outlined. Other topics covered include viewdata and electronic administrations, design and evaluation of videotex services, market projections for videotex developments, advertising on viewdata, international videotex standards, electronic publishing and private viewdata systems.

Privacy and government data banks: an international perspective. David H. Flaherty. London: Mansell, 1979. 353p ISBN 0 7201 09 302. £17.50.

Government statistical agencies hold detailed information on individuals, stored as microdata on government data banks, and used for censuses, surveys and administrative purposes. In the light of recent concern over personal privacy, Professor Flaherty examines whether the dissemination of this information is sufficiently controlled, could be more widely available for research purposes, or is a threat to civil liberty. His study covers statistical bureaux in the United Kingdom, Sweden, West Germany, Canada and the United States, and concludes that the level of data protection and the concern for individual privacy are very high, that dissemination for valid research purposes is a benefit to the public interest, and not a threat, and that it could be even more freely accessible in anonymized form. The book is primarily concerned with data used for purely statistical purposes and by researchers in government, universities and non-profit research organizations and will provide new insight into these areas for all social scientists and researchers interested in informational privacy. The survey is the culmination of a four-year investigation by the Ford Foundation Project.

Systems thinking in library and information management. David Smith. London: Bingley, 1980. 142p. ISBN 0 85157 333 9. £6.75.

The volume considers the relevance and value of systems thinking to the library and information professions.

The first chapter outlines information concepts in general terms, and illustrates the inter-relationships between theory and practice. An attempt is made to demonstrate the way in which systems approach is related to science. Aspects of systems models and techniques are considered with references to general applications in the second and third chapters while the following two chapters consider these aspects in relation to information and library management. The final chapter assesses the whole approach, and the reader is provided with counter arguments enabling him to form a judgement.

An expansion of a model of organization is given in the appendix, to provide an example of how to adapt the system for library planning.

The coming of age of library management 1960–1980. Edited by Anthony Vaughan. London: Bingley. 1980. 214p. (Studies in Library Management volume six) ISBN 0 85157 301 0. £6.75.

The volume is the sixth in the series on aspects of library management. It provides an introduction for both students and librarians to the growth and changes in library management during the past two decades.

The first part discusses library management in academic, public and school libraries. The six papers in the second section consider particular aspects of library management, including library administration, changes in technical services, the introduction and effect of computers on library management, and personnel administration. The last paper considers both the structure and staff motivation in the Dutch public library scene.

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OUT OF CONTEXT

Some random thoughts from: Society of Archivists Records Management Group. Records management: proceedings of a 1-day conference at the Shell Centre, London, 1 June 1979.

William Benedon.

. . . in any organisation, you not only find files marked "Miscellaneous", you find files marked "Very miscellaneous". . .

. . . the most important use of microfilm today is current information processing. If you have a programme that relies heavily upon microfilm for retention of records and storage, you're wasting money . . .

. . . to go back in time and microfilm a lot of records that will eventually be discarded is wasting important dollars . . .

John R. Spencer.

. . . there is no easier way of losing information than to record it on to microfilm . . .

Allan Patterson.

. . . over the last 200 years the price of paper has come down by a factor of something like 1000:1 . . .

. . . you might . . . describe [the microwriter] as a "chip with a typewriter on its shoulder". . .

. . . having switched to the idea of the "less paper office" we discovered that one of the last things you get at the present time out of word processing systems is less paper . .

Courses

COURSE ON COMPUTER-PRODUCED INDEXES

22–23 June 1981
at Aslib Headquarters

Aims and Objectives: The advent of the computer has made possible the provision and easy updating of printed indexes to collections of literature, such as library catalogues. There is a substantial requirement for such searching tools, even though computerised searching facilities are becoming available. This course is designed both for librarians and information officers already using mechanised systems, and their staffs who will be operating the systems. It will demonstrate that many of these systems are relatively easy to make, show the range of systems available, and give an indication of the costs.

Fee: £90 (£70 to members of Aslib). This includes morning coffee and afternoon tea, but *not* lunches.

Bookings: Places are limited to 25. Bookings open when this notice is published. Members are advised to make provisional bookings by telephone as soon as possible after receiving this notice.

PROGRAMME:

FIRST DAY

Session 1 Open discussion: students will be asked to give five-minute talks describing their systems.

Session 2 General introduction, including basic components of a printed index, and vocabulary control.

Session 3 KWIC, KWOC, SLIC and their variants, with mention of their uses for indexing other things than literature.

Session 4 String input systems – Precis, Articulated Subject Index, British Technology Index.

SECOND DAY

Session 5 Points of comparison between different index formats, including evaluation procedures.

Session 6 Different physical forms of output: COM, computer typesetting, line-printer (including their economics, and the effects of different types of cumulation).

Session 7 Using a bureau versus doing it yourself; available packages; use of mini-computers.

Cancellations: If a booking is cancelled earlier than a week before the beginning of the course, the fee will be refunded, less a deduction of £15 to cover Aslib's expenses. No refund will be made for later cancellations.

Courses

INTRODUCTORY COURSE TO SPECIAL LIBRARY AND INFORMATION WORK

29 September–2 October 1981
at Aslib Headquarters

Aims and Objectives: This course is intended for those taking up junior posts in libraries and information departments. It is designed to increase their efficiency by giving them a better understanding of the reasons for various routines and practices they meet in their work, and the function they fulfil in the framework of the whole organization. Students should be in their first year of library or information work.

Fee: £100 (£75 to members of Aslib). This includes morning coffee and afternoon tea each day, but *not* lunch.

Bookings: Places are limited to 30. Bookings open when this notice is published. Members are advised to make provisional bookings by telephone as soon as possible.

Note: A separate course is provided for graduates and people of similar status, and the students are advised to consult the Education Officer if they are in doubt which is the more appropriate course for their needs.

PROGRAMME

DAY I

Systems and people; library procedures, recording of orders, accessions, loans and circulation; dissemination of information.

DAY II

Records of the library's holdings; the catalogue and cataloguing, author and title entries, the subject index, classifying procedures, retrieving information; treatment and use of periodicals and special types of materials.

DAY III

External sources of published information; services to the user; getting help from others, inter-library loans, making the best of available services.

DAY IV

Guides to publications available; sources of published information — books and periodicals; use of bibliographies, indexes, abstract journals and union lists.

Cancellations: If a booking is cancelled earlier than a week before the beginning of the course, the fee will be refunded less a deduction of £15 to cover Aslib's expenses. No refund will be made for later cancellations.

SENIOR INTRODUCTORY COURSE TO SPECIAL LIBRARY AND INFORMATION WORK

26–30 Oct. 1981
at Aslib Headquarters

Aims and Objectives: This course is intended for graduates, or people with similar qualifications entering special library and information work without previous experience. It is intended to introduce them to the basic principles governing the handling of information, and to give them a broader view of their work than can be obtained by working in a single information department or library.

Fee: £120 (£90 to members of Aslib). This includes morning coffee and afternoon tea but *not* lunch.

Bookings: Places are limited to 30. Bookings open when this notice is published. Members are advised to make provisional bookings by telephone as soon as possible after receiving this notice.

Note: Students will not normally be accepted for this course unless they have a degree or some similar qualification but *not* in librarianship or information science. Other students who wish to attend the course should consult the Education Officer before sending in the application form. Students should be in their first year of library or information work.

PROGRAMME:

DAY I
Systems and people. Selection and acquisition of published material. Loan procedures. The activities of the Aslib's Information Services Department.

DAY II
External sources of published information in science and technology. The information needs of business enterprises. Dissemination of information.

DAY III
Information retrieval — catalogues and indexes. Classification systems and retrieval characteristics of various systems.

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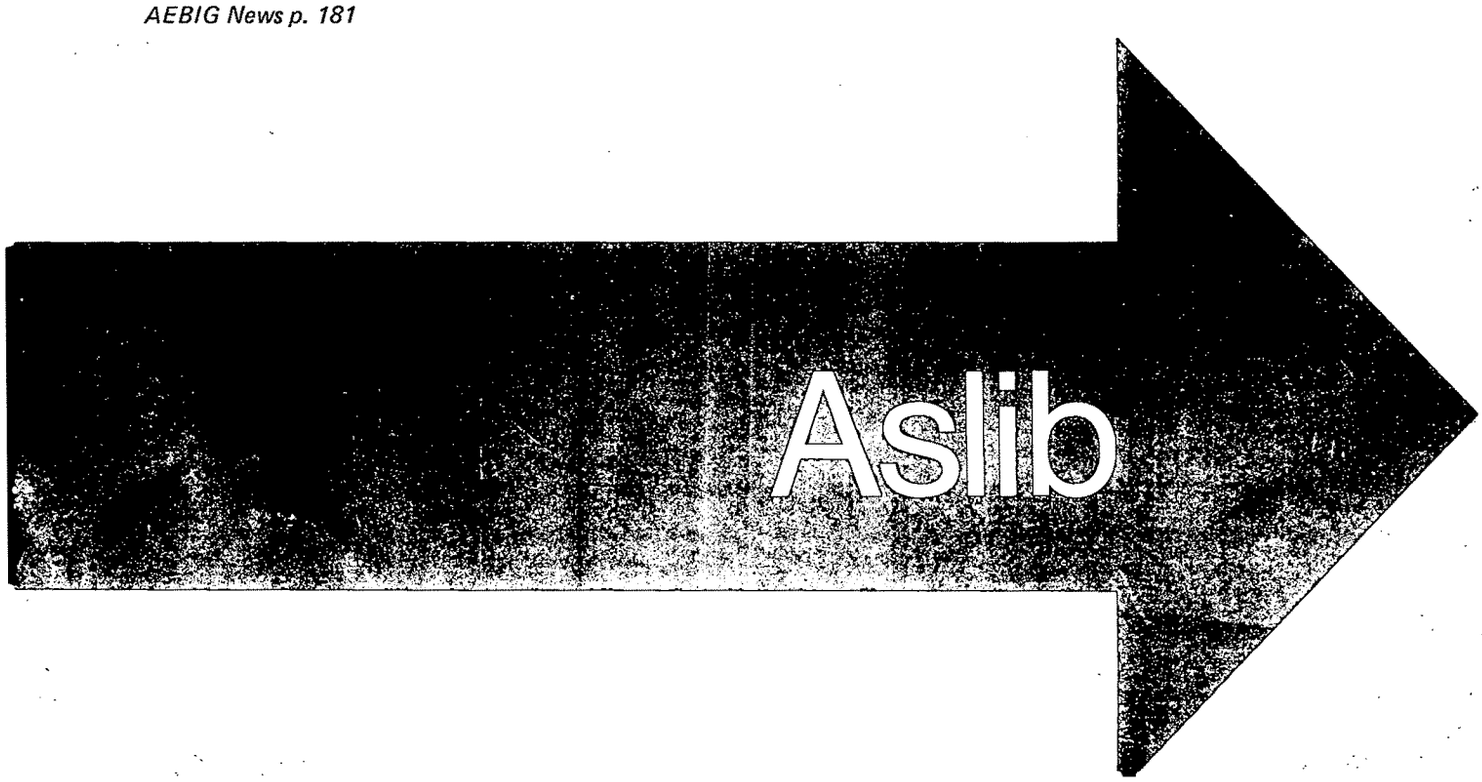

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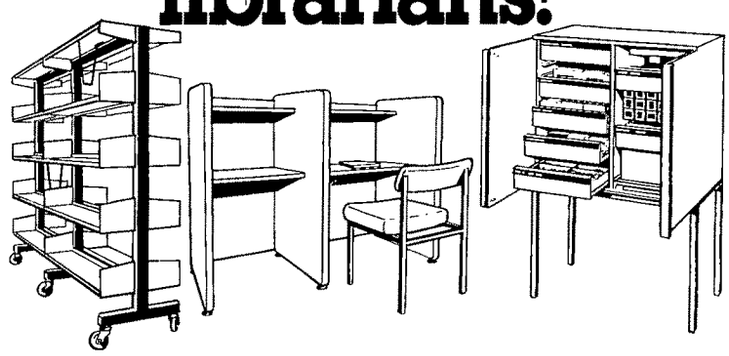

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Loughborough University
Contact: Roy McKeown, Leicester Polytechnic Library Tel: 0533 551551

15 Wed — Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group whole-day visit: ICI Plant Protection Division
Jealott's Hill Research Station, Bracknell, Berks
Contact: Susan Childs, Basement flat 1a, 8 Palmeira Square, Hove, Sussex BN3 2DB

23 Wed 18.00 — Audiovisual Group Visit: Commonwealth Institute Library
Kensington High Street, London W8
Contact: Mrs B. Smith, London College of Fashion, 20 John Princes Street, London W1M 9HE

SEPTEMBER

*3 Thurs pm — Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group (with ALISSE) Afternoon Meeting: Grey literature in agriculture
Agriculture House, Knightsbridge, London
Contact: Anne Milton, Regional Librarian, MAFF, Government Buildings, Block A, Coley Park, Reading RG1 6DT

8/9 Tues/Wed — Engineering Group Seminar
Engineering Information Problems and Forum on Small Firms (for engineers)
Eastbourne, Brighton
Contact: Dr R. A. Wall, Pilkington Library, University of Technology, Loughborough, Leicester LE11 3TU Tel: 0509 63171 ext 5037

18 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group Meeting: Unusual languages forum
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Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib

22/25 Tues/Fri — Aslib 54th Annual Conference: Information '81: forecasts and realities
University of Oxford
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Programme and registration form with March, June and July issues

29/Oct 2 Tues/Fri — Aslib Course: Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
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Fee: £100; Aslib members £75
Details and application form in June issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

OCTOBER

7 Wed — Getting the most out of EURONET: a seminar for online users
Imperial College, London SW7
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Leaflet with June issue

*7 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Chemical Group Evening Meeting: Chemstor Chemical and Hazard Enquiry Service by P. B. Watson, Whessoe Technical Computing Services
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Contact: Mrs L. A. Battle, Esso Research Centre, Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX13 6AE
Tel: Abingdon (0235) 45326

8/9 Thurs/Fri — Aslib Course: Introduction to Library Automation
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Fee: £55; Aslib members £40
Details and application form in July/August issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

12/14 Mon/Wed — Aslib Course: Current Awareness and Technical Change
Aslib
Fee: £100; Aslib members £80
Details and application form in July/August issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

16 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group Meeting
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
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*19 Mon — Aslib Course: Word processors in libraries
NRCd, Hertford
Fee: £65; Aslib & NRCd members £50
Details and application form in July/August issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

20 Tues — Informatics/Computer Groups Information Retrieval Fair
Imperial College, London SW7
Contact: J. C. McLelland, BSI(THE), Maylands Avenue, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP2 4SQ

21 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Aslib Evening Meeting on Facsimile, teletext and electronic mail
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26/30 Mon/Fri — Aslib Course: Senior Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
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Fee: £120; Aslib members £90
Details and application form in June issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

NOVEMBER

*4 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Chemical Group Evening Meeting: Some United Nations activities in the field of chemical and related environmental information, by Mrs J. A. Deschamps, DOE Library
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Contact: Mrs L. A. Battle, Esso Research Centre, Abingdon, Oxon. Tel: 0235 45326

5/6 Thurs/Fri — Aslib/Translators' Guild of the Institute of Linguists Conference: Practical experience of Machine Translation
Scientific Societies Lecture Theatre, Fortress House, 23 Savile Row, London W1
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Programme and registration form with July/August issue

*9 Mon 15.30 — Informatics Group Meeting
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Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

13 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group Meeting
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Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

16 Mon — Aslib Course: Microforms in Libraries
NRCd, Hertford
Fee: £65; Aslib and NRCd members £50
Details and application form in July/August issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

18 Wed — Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group one-day workshop: Agricultural, biological and medical periodicals — resource sharing
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Contact: Susan Childs, Basement flat 1a, 8 Palmeira Square, Hove, Sussex BN3 2JB

*19/20 Thurs/Fri	Aslib Course: Copyright – the present problems Aslib Fee: £60; Aslib members £45 Details and application form later Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
23/27 Mon/Fri	Aslib Course: Business Information Aslib Fee: £120; Aslib members £90 Details and application form later Contact: Education Officer, Aslib
*25 Wed 17.00 for 17.30	Aslib Evening Meeting Aslib Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib Details later

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*2 Wed 17.00 for 17.30	Chemical Group Evening Meeting Aslib Contact: Mrs L. A. Battle, Esso Research Centre, Abingdon, Oxon. Tel: 0235 45326 Details later
*3 Thurs	Aslib with British Tourist Authority (BTA) Conference within the World Travel Market: The future of travel information services Presentation Theatre, Olympia, London Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib Details later
4 Fri 15.00	Technical Translation Group Meeting, Aslib Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib Details later
*7 Mon	Informatics Group Meeting Aslib Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib Details later
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12/14 Wed/Fri	EURIM 5: a European conference on research into the management of information services and libraries Palais des Congrès, Versailles, France Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib Details later

SEPTEMBER

21/24 Tues/Fri	Aslib 55th Annual Conference: Information technology University of Manchester Owens Park Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib Details later

* = new entry

Library Automation

A three-day non-residential short course will be organised by the School of Librarianship, The Polytechnic of North London, from 1–3 December 1981.

A course for senior library staff covering data and file structures, systems design, hardware and software, as applied to library housekeeping operations.

Course organiser: John Eyre

Further details from:

The Secretary,
Short Courses, The School of Librarianship,
The Polytechnic of North London,
207–225 Essex Road,
London N1 3PN.

Methods and research in librarianship

A two-day non-residential short course will be organised by the School of Librarianship, The Polytechnic of North London, from 6–7 October 1981.

The aim of the course is to introduce the nature and development of research in library and information science and to indicate possible trends in the foreseeable future.

Course organiser: Dr. Suman Datta

Further details from:

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Aslib Activities

HEADQUARTERS

Co-operative Automation Group

The Co-operative Automation Group (CAG) was formed under the auspices of the British Library at the beginning of 1980. The members of the Group are the Chief Executive of the British Library (Chairman), the Director General of the British Library Bibliographic Services Division, the chairmen and executive directors of BLCMP, LASER, SCOLCAP and SWALCAP, together with one member each nominated by Aslib, the Library Association, SCONUL and COPOL.

CAG's terms of reference are to seek to ensure the most effective articulation of the services provided by the British Library and the library automation co-operatives, and of the plans for future development of these services, by:

(i) identifying major policy, technical and other issues affecting the planning and interaction of the services;
(ii) recommending actions or studies required;
(iii) carrying out or, where appropriate, commissioning work necessary to provide a firm basis for future developments.

Two Working Groups have been set up, one dealing with bibliographic standards and the other with access to the national database.

Mr Ken Bakewell has recently been nominated as Aslib representative on CAG and is very keen that he should truly represent the views of the Aslib membership. Anybody with ideas on the automation co-operatives is therefore invited to write to him at Liverpool Polytechnic, School of Librarianship and Information Studies, Tithebarn Street, Liverpool L2 2ER or to telephone 051-227 1781/3.

London Business School Librarian retires

Ken Vernon, Librarian of the London Business School and an active member of Aslib will be retiring in July. Mr Vernon was Librarian of the Royal Institution for 15 years before being appointed the first Librarian of the London Business School in January 1966, where he had the challenge of starting up the library from scratch.

He has been an active member of Aslib for most of his career and served on Council for about six years in the 1960s. He also served on numerous committees and was chairman of AEBIG from 1974 to 1977. In addition he has been a frequent lecturer on Aslib courses, particularly on business information but more recently on financial information.

Ken Vernon's publications include the *London Classification of Business Studies* (which is used in about 80 libraries) and *The use of management and business literature,* Butterworths 1975. He has also contributed numerous articles to library journals.

We wish him well in his retirement.

Aslib 54th Annual Conference: Information '81: forecasts and realities

22–25 September 1981, University of Oxford

Every Annual Conference is unique and seeks to be irresistable and this year in Oxford there is an exceptional combination of attractions: an excellent general programme ranging from a progress report on national information policies in Europe and the UK; a number of highlights of the new technology; some talking points such as to charge or not to charge for information and a debate on copyright; speakers who include Professor Peter Canisius, President of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Dokumentation, John Osborn, MP, Robert Maxwell, Anthony Smith (author of *Goodbye Gutenberg* and Director of the British Film Institute), Denis de Freitas (Chairman of the British Copyright Council), Professor T. Stonier, who will close the proceedings with a look at the electronic future and its impact on work and society. The Group sessions are an innovation following the pattern set at the Joint Conference last year; they give Group members a chance to indulge in their own speciality and at the same time enjoy the wider range of the whole conference. A mini-conference in its own right is Informatics 6, with a distinguished and humane opening paper by Professor Margaret Boden on 'The meeting of man and machine', followed by contributions on redesigning information packages for electronic systems (by Maurice Line), pragmatic experience of man versus the computer (K. P. Jones), a look at the human factor in designing a public online databank (by Pauline Duckitt) and an examination of routine machine state-of-the art reviewing: condensations of bibliographic search output, by Dr M. L. Blake.

A fully booked exhibition, including many old friends and one or two new faces, is strategically placed at the heart of the Conference accommodation and will be launched at the Welcome Reception on the first night. Further gaieties follow — an after-dinner reception in the stately Sheldonian Theatre on the evening of 23 September and a rather less formal Conference Reception than usual on 24 September in Fyfield Manor, with its mediaeval solar and Blackwell's Rare Books Department. Finally the visits, with Blenheim Palace, Broughton Castle, the Research and Development Division of Metal Box, AERE Harwell, Oxford City and Colleges, Pergamon Press offer a really tantalizing choice. Don't wait to book and ensure your place. Your contact: The Conference Organizer, Aslib.

Getting the most out of EURONET: a seminar for online users

7 October 1981, Imperial College, London

On 7 October Aslib will be holding a one-day intensive seminar on Euronet/DIANE and all that it offers. Designed for those who have some experience of online searching but who require updating on the current state of the system and the services offered, the seminar will include a presentation from the Euronet/DIANE team, and four of the major DIANE hosts, (TELESYSTEMES-QUESTEL, FIZ-TECHNIK, INKA and one other) will demonstrate the unique characteristics of their online services. It is intended that the seminar will offer an excellent opportunity to compare the different systems and their associated costs, and to hear about the experiences of Euronet users. The final panel session is designed to give the audience a chance to have their say and any existing users who would be interested in making a contribution should contact the Conference Organizer, Aslib, from whom further information about the seminar as a whole is also available.

Practical Experience of Machine Translation: a conference

5–6 November 1981, Scientific Societies Lecture Theatre, Fortress House, Savile Row, London W1

The programme of this conference, which follows in the wake of two successful co-operative efforts of the Technical Translation Group and the Translators' Guild of the Institute of Linguists — Translating and the Computer in 1978 and Machine Aids for Translators last November — accompanies this issue of Aslib Information. A rather more ambitious venture than either of its forerunners, the object of Practical Experience of Machine Translation — arranged by Aslib with the Translators' Guild — is to gather and disseminate information of a practical rather than a theoretical nature on the state of the art in machine translation in Canada, the USA and the Soviet Union as well as in Europe. It should attract translators, administrators and computer people in government, institutions and industry, academics, promoters of MT systems, MT users and potential users.

The programme shows how this project will be handled, in four main sessions — Translation in Transition, Aspects of Editing, the Posteditors' Experience and Speculation: the Limits of Innovation — with perhaps the heart of the conference in the discussion by posteditors drawn from systems all over the world and looking at and discussing areas of crucial importance in the postediting experience. Their comments can be expected to indicate very clearly MT's current vices and virtues while the concluding session, taking a speculative look at innovation and its limits, should suggest where to concentrate future research and marketing.

Like its predecessors, this conference is expected to attract a large and international audience. It has the benefit of a very distinguished cast of speakers and is concerned with an exciting and developing subject. The contact for further information and registration is the Conference Organizer, Aslib, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL.

EURIM 5: a European conference on research into the management of information services and libraries
12–14 May 1982, Palais des Congrès, Versailles

For EURIM 5, the fifth in this important series of international conferences, the sponsors – Aslib with the Association Nationale de la Recherche Technique, Bibliothèque Royale de Belgique, Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Dokumentation, NOBIN and NORDFORSK – have returned to the original concept of a conference on research into the management of information services and libraries. They are particularly anxious that the programme should consist of presentations of the highest standard, so instead of issuing a general call for papers, they are making direct approaches to the main centres of research concerned with information handling in the sponsoring countries inviting them to make a presentation on their most important current work under one of the main heads of the conference: *Management of information services and libraries,* including marketing, promotion, evaluation and economic aspects; *retrieval techniques,* including new work on classification and indexing methods, bibliometrics and artificial intelligence; *information transfer and delivery,* including studies of information flow within organizations, document delivery and new communication techniques; *education, training and manpower,* including manpower forecasting research, training methods, and educating the users of tomorrow; *multilingual systems,* including machine translation and machine aids for translators.

The hope is that this will assemble a programme of new, ongoing and original work that has not yet been published, while the occasion will provide a unique opportunity for the communication of recent research work to an international audience and for the exchange of ideas on key issues in the world of information.

The beautiful accommodation at the Palais des Congrès at Versailles provides ample opportunity for an exhibition, a great enhancement to the interest of the conference, which it is hoped will attract an even larger attendance than in the past. Watch this space for reports on progress of the arrangements; a programme and registration form will be distributed towards the end of the year. Contact: The Conference Organizer, Aslib.

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Copy for the next issue should be sent to Ms J. Lovenack, The Library, Chelsea College, Hortensia Road, London, SW10 0QR. Tel: 01 352 5778 ext. 30, by 16 September 1981.

Joint meeting with ALISSE on 'grey' literature

ALISSE (Agricultural Libraries and Information Services in the South East). This recently formed regional group (reported in Newsletter no. 19) held its second meeting on 5 May at East Malling Research Station (ARC) at which the members present not only decided on a name for themselves, but also requested that their next meeting should be a joint one with ABASG on 'grey' literature in agriculture. We welcome this initiative and the meeting is now arranged for the afternoon of Thursday 3 September 1981 at Agriculture House, Knightsbridge (see details in Aslib Calendar).

It seems an opportune time to hold this meeting when various developments are taking place concerning 'grey' literature, some of which are briefly mentioned in this Newsletter. We suggest you book early as places are limited to 50.

ABASG's interest in 'grey' literature

What is 'grey' or non-conventional literature?

Everyone seems to have their own ideas, but it can be defined as literature not issued through the conventional commercial publication channels and which is therefore in most cases difficult to access, e.g. reports, theses, conference proceedings and translation not published commercially, official documents issued in limited numbers, trade literature etc. It should be distinguished from 'popular' and non-scientific literature.

Why the interest amongst ABASG members?

The amounts and the importance particularly for agriculture were highlighted by the recent BL review reports on Biological (BL R & D Report 5438) and on Agricultural (BL R & D Reports 5469; 5583) information. The subject has been discussed by ABASG's committee and several regional groups have been in contact e.g. East Midlands Agricultural Information Group, ALISSE (see meeting notice above), the Scottish Agricultural Librarians Group. As a result, the following information on 'grey' literature has been collected together which is of particular interest to those working in the Biological and Agricultural Sciences. Four aspects are explored viz. major holdings; catalogues; data bases and access; guidelines for the issue and citation of grey literature; and document supply.

Chadwyck-Healey's new catalogue

Publication is awaited from Chadwyck-Healey Ltd of the first issues of:

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It may not be realized that the number of official documents published each year independently of HMSO exceeds the number published by HMSO. This is the first time that these non-HMSO publications have been brought together in a single catalogue. It will include the publications of over 280 government departments, research institutes and other official bodies. It is surprising how many of these are in the fields of Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries and Forestry; Environment; Health and Medicine etc. Every type of publication produced since the beginning of 1980 by an organization which is financed or controlled completely or partially by the British Government is eligible for inclusion in the catalogue except those considered too ephemeral or not true publications, also excluded are very large groups of specialized material that are already well catalogued e.g. patents. Publications included are periodicals, newspapers, serials, single-sheet updates and appendices, give away leaflets and publicity materials (if the contents are of value), atlases, some maps, posters and audio-visual aids.

Full bibliographic details will be given for entries including price and publishers' addresses to facilitate purchase of original copies. Chadwyck-Healey will also operate a document delivery service in microfiche for all but a few of the publications at a cost per fiche of £1.50 for individual publications with greatly reduced rates for annual subscriptions to the whole set or subject collections (such as Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries; Environment; Food; Health and Medicine; Health and Safety). The catalogue data base is designed for future online searching; Chadwyck-Healey will make further announcements about this in 1982.

Another publication from Chadwyck-Healey of interest to those working in agricultural information is:

British Government publications containing statistics 1801–1977 on microform: Agricultural returns 1867–1975. Microfilm: 9 reels. Price: £20 per reel.

MAFF publications catalogues

Some members may not be aware that there are two published catalogues to the publications of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Foods. The *Government Publications Sectional List no. 1. Agriculture and Food* gives details of those MAFF publications which are published by HMSO. Whilst *MAFF Publications Catalogue* deals primarily with non-HMSO publications (e.g. series of Leaflets and Booklets), but does include some HMSO publications (particularly the Reference Books series — formerly Bulletins and Technical Bulletins). Copies of HMSO publications may be obtained from HMSO bookshops and may also, normally, be obtained from MAFF (Publications), Tolcarne Drive, Pinner, Middlesex HA5 2DT. Departmentally priced publications may be obtained *only* from Pinner.

BL Science Reference Library (SRL)

How much 'grey' literature in agriculture and the biological sciences does the SRL hold, what categories of literature, and how are they divided between Holborn and the 'Aldwych Reading Room' (9 Kean Street, London, WC2B 4AT, formerly the Bayswater Branch)? These are some of the questions we have been putting to SRL who have supplied the following information.

SRL's split of literature between the two Branches is partially by subject and partially by form. Trade literature (including non-technical house journals), trade directories, company information publications, general business journals and patents are kept at Holborn. Trade, technical and scientific journals, technical house journals, books and reports (which include most UK and European series) are split between Holborn and the 'Aldwych Reading Room' according to subject. Most material that is split according to subject is at Aldwych, whose collection includes literature on the life sciences and technologies, medicine, earth sciences, and agriculture, but agrochemicals, and some subjects closely related to agriculture (and other applied biological subjects) such as food industry, chemical industry, general works on commodities etc, are held at Holborn.

For the most part SRL collections are very large and international in scope. This applies particularly to patents, journals, and trade directories. Trade literature is held in two sequences (1850–1940 and 1940–date) both in order of company name and largely, but by no means entirely UK biased. Holdings for companies involved in agricultural machinery, agrochemicals and other aspects of agriculture are substantial for both sequences. We regularly mail companies to keep our trade literature collection up to date.

Guides to the literature, aids to readers etc., catering for special aspects or collections of literature within the library, are published by SRL (apply to Publications, Holborn), for example: AR 22. *Trade literature at the Science Reference Library.* (Revised March 1981).

Jackson, G. and Millen, J. (in preparation). *Periodicals on*

agriculture (industry and research) held by the Science Reference Library. London, The British Library, Science Reference Library.

Two further sections are envisaged on *crop production* and on *animal production.* These holdings lists include bulletins, advisory leaflets, series, etc.

The newly occupied Aldwych Reading Room is unable to accommodate in-house all the materials of the former Bayswater Branch. Collections of abstracts, reference works, books, maps and all recent periodical issues are housed in the building, together with services such as the Computer Search Service, linguistic help, Landsat browse films and photocopying. Bound issues of foreign language periodicals and pre-1974 English language periodicals are now outhoused at Micawber Street, but an hourly van service and facsimile transmission of requests should make these quickly available to readers.

BLLD initiative in 'grey' literature

You may have noticed the new title and new format of what used to be *BLLD Announcement Bulletin* (BAB) and since January 1981 has been replaced by *British Reports, Translations and Theses* (BRTT) (available on annual subscription of £20 from British Library Lending Division, Boston Spa, Wetherby, West Yorkshire LS23 7BQ). The developments which have brought about these changes will be of interest to ABASG members who handle 'grey' literature.

BLLD are trying to improve their coverage of all types of material previously in BAB and to extend their coverage. Thus BRTT lists British report literature and translations produced by British government organizations, industry, universities and learned institutions and doctoral theses currently accepted at most British Universities. In addition, it will cover reports and unpublished translations from the Republic of Ireland, and selected British official publications of a report nature that are not published by HMSO. With a view to extending the coverage in agriculture, the Lending Division is compiling a list of sources of agricultural 'grey' literature and have been in contact with the East Midlands Agricultural Information Group on this. The Reports Officer at the BL Lending Division would be grateful for any information that might help to locate sources of reports and translations.

The section headings for BRTT are the same as those of BAB and include Agriculture, and Biology and Medicine. A new feature in BRTT will be indexes by author, keyword, organization and report number. The precise nature and frequency of indexes is to be determined by the Lending Division at the end of the first year of publication, during which the views of subscribers will be sought – an opportunity for ABASG members to consider (and possibly discuss at our joint meeting on 3 September – see above) whether Biological, Medical and Agricultural Sciences are indexed in a manner that matches the users needs. A cumulative KEYTERM index covering January to June 1981 issues has appeared in the June 1981 issue, and the questionnaire on indexes is being distributed shortly.

The documents listed in BRTT are available to registered users through the Lending Division Loans/Photocopy Service, but these are only a small proportion of the total amount of similar documents received at BLLD from other sources throughout the world, including USA 'unlimited' reports literature, translations, dissertations; documents of the European Communities, etc.

In a recent conference paper Dr Wood of the BL Lending Division looked at problems of 'grey' literature and indicated some of the likely future developments:

Wood, D. N. Some developments concerning access to grey literature. p. 95–97. *In: EURIM 4, a European conference on inovation in primary publication: impact on producers and users, 23–26 March 1980, in Brussels.* Proceedings edited by L. J. Anthony. London: Aslib. (ISBN 0 85142 139 3).

European Community project on 'grey' literature

Steps are being taken to promote the detection and the availability of grey literature in each Member State of the EC, and to create a bibliographical data base covering this material, which would be made accessible online via Euronet DIANE.

On 1 January 1981 SIGLE, an information system on non-conventional or grey literature, became operational, initially for a two-year period. Its aim is to fill a major gap in the bibliographic coverage and accessibility of grey literature by combining the resources offered by important national information/document centres in a number of European Community countries.

National grey literature 'authorities' (which might or might not be centralized services) would assume the responsibility of:

- collecting grey literature issued in their own country;
- the assignment of unique identification codes to documents;
- cataloguing the documents according to standardized rules;
- providing a document delivery service, direct or by referral to producers;
- educating EC grey literature producers to assign certain minimal cataloguing elements to their documents.

The participants in this scheme are the British Library Lending Division (UK), the Fachinformationszentrum, Karlsruhe (Federal Republic of Germany), the Association UCL-LABORELEC (Belgium) and the Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique (CEA) (France). CEA also acts as the central processing centre for bibliographic records. The Lending Division will also input grey literature from the Republic of Ireland and the Riso National Laboratory is at present acting as the Danish centre. Other EC countries have expressed interest in participating, as have some non-EC countries.

This project and recent national initiatives in grey literature have largely grown out of recommendations made at a conference held at York in December 1978 and reported in:

Gibb, J. M. and Phillips, E. – A better fate for the grey, or non-conventional literature. *Journal of Research Communication Studies,* 1 (1978/1979): 225–234.

Gibb, J. M. Towards a grey literature delivery system in the European Community. p. 112. *In: EURIM 4, a European conference on innovation in primary publication: impact on producers and users, 23–26 March 1980 in Brussels.* Proceedings edited by L. J. Anthony. London: Aslib. (ISBN 0 85142 139 3).

Guidelines for 'grey' literature production and citation

Other aspects of the grey literature problem are those of ensuring that issuing bodies of such documents observe minimum standards on presentation, including the presence of bibliographic information, and that there is compatibility of cataloguing rules particularly between the new developing grey literature data bases contributing to the SIGLE system.

There are already existing British standards on the presentation of research and development reports (BS 4811), translations (BS 4755) and conference proceedings (BS 4446). Other documentation on this is also available but scattered, e.g. Windsor, B. A., 1970. A format for the standardized citation of the published and unpublished documents. *J. Amer. Soc. Inf. Sci.,* May/June 1970: pp. 195–197.

The Commission of European Communities was asked to commission a study of existing practices. This is shortly to be published as:

Report of the study on practices, standards and guidelines applicable to grey literature. EUR report no. 7139.

Recommended guidelines are included in the report which should be of interest to those ABASG members whose organization issue and/or collect 'grey' literature.

UK input to EURAGRIS

Currently plans are nearing completion for setting up the procedures to enable MAFF, ODA (COPR, LRDC, TPI) and ARC to input to EURAGRIS their own publications (not covered by CAB input) through Oriel (the agents for

EURAGRIS input). Up to now the only input of UK published material into EURAGRIS has been from selection from the CAB data base (i.e. all UK serials). How much 'grey' literature does this CAB input cover? Included are research reports certain UK entension literature, such as MAFF ADAS leaflets and booklets series. In other words material which is considered to be important and of scientific value, and that fits in with CAB's subject coverage. Excluded are 'popular' and non-scientific literature, and material that is not freely available (e.g. limited circulation; restricted) and most unpublished material. It is hoped that there will be a speaker from CAB at the meeting on 'grey' literature on 3 September (see notice above).

Technology Report Centre (TRC)

You may not have thought of TRC (Department of Industry) as a source of report literature in ABASG's subject field. *R & D Abstracts,* compiled and published twice monthly by TRC contains abstracts of reports on science and technology from Government R & D establishments, Publicly Funded Bodies, Industry, University and Professional Bodies in the UK, and from some foreign sources. From the beginning of 1981 a change was made from the COSATI classification previously used in *R & D Abstracts* to the NTIS subject classification arrangement, which includes among its categories:

- Natural resources and earth sciences
- Agriculture and food
- Environmental pollution and control
- Medicine and Biology
- Biomedical technology, human factors engineering.

A TRC report is available containing detailed notes of the NTIS classification and a correlation with the COSATI classification: *Guide to the NTIS subject classification.* TRC report T81-1190. January 1981. 75pp.

Copies of reports may be obtained from TRC (prices on application), or from BL Lending Division. However, although TRC's holdings of UK report literature in all areas of science and technology are extremely comprehensive, much of the report literature cited in *R & D Abstracts* concerned with ABASG's subject fields of Agriculture and the Biological Sciences is likely to be available only from BL Lending Division (e.g. the T-year-8000 series).

TRC also hold microfiche of USA reports, EEC reports and reports of some other overseas countries. Many of these cover Agriculture and other subject fields in the applied biological sciences. Bibliographic details of US government sponsored research and development reports from 1964 onwards are held on computer on the NTIS file which is accessible through TRC's Dialtech system. And for those without their own computer terminal TRC can answer technical enquiries for you (Techsearch, Technology Reports Centre, Department of Industry, Orpington, Kent BR5 3RF. Tel: Orpington (0689) 32111 ext. 255).

Access to NTIS reports

In addition to what has been mentioned above about access through Dialtech, NTIS (National Technical Information Service, US Department of Commerce) is also available online through other host systems. Publications (including copies of individual reports in paper or microfiche) and services can be supplied through the United Kingdom Service Centre, PO Box 3, Alton, Hampshire OU34 1EF. These include *Weekly Government Abstracts Newsletters, Tech Notes* (information on new technology), *Published Searches, Selected Research in Microfiche* (SRIM), all of which can be supplied separately by subject categories which include Biological, Medical and Agricultural subjects. There are other publications in the Medical, Health and Safety, and Environment fields; also market research services, and translations. NTIS is extending its literature coverage to include non-USA material. To accomplish this they have appointed a technical reports co-ordinator in the UK, and they also have cooperating agencies in several developing countries.

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1981 Conference

Summaries of three of the papers presented at the Electronics Group Conference 3–5 April 1981 are as follows:

My ideal library: How I would reorganize libraries if I were a dictator. Dr C. Oppenheim, Director of Research and Development, Derwent Publications Ltd.

Dr Oppenheim presented his highly entertaining paper from the point of view of a political candidate standing for election as a dictator. A library consists of a building, books, staff, customers etc. and Dr Oppenheim proposed various changes which he would implement if he became a dictator.

The library building is frequently purpose-built and has a quiet, studious image with no talking allowed. Many libraries are not quiet though and the studious element is confounded by the fact that the most requested books are not serious studies. The dictator would make libraries more approachable with easy chairs, people allowed to talk, a bar, and a relaxed atmosphere.

Bookstock is a nuisance as books must be catalogued, classified, shelved etc. Different editions with different dates are published causing further problems. Periodicals only appear regularly in theory, they change title, sizes change and journals must be bound. Microform has numerous disadvantages. Bookstock is therefore deplorable material and standards for size etc. are non-existent. The dictator would insist that books are only published in one size which would allow neat shelves. Publishers would be compelled to catalogue and classify all books and there would be tests of their competence. No book could be published if it would appear under a popular classification number as this causes shelving problems in the library. Ephemeral periodicals would be biodegradable so that they would decay on the shelf thereby eliminating the need for discarding. Microform would be banned.

Library staff are courteous and pleasant but have a poor image in the outside world. Librarians represent authority. The dictator believes that changes in the other aspects of library work would bring a change in attitudes.

Libraries are great without users. Users put books in the wrong places, mess up the library, they need service and answers to questions, disturb conversations etc. The dictator is tempted to ban customers altogether but on second thoughts the rules would be that no customers would be allowed into the library until it has been open for half an hour. No customer could interrupt a conversation or a cup of coffee and all users would have to be out of the library half an hour before closing time.

The dictator would ban all telecommunications equipment which dropped out in the middle of an online search. Stupid systems would also be banned – the computer should be intelligent as it is always obvious what the enquirer is looking for and the system should appreciate this and not print an error message if you make a typing mistake. Photocopiers which run out of paper would be illegal.

Online systems would vanish and video/optical discs would replace them. An intelligent terminal would access a database and retrieve accession numbers, the terminal would then retrieve relevant documents by accession number from the video discs in the library. Common command languages would be essential and 'quick and dirty' searches would be converted to approved searches by the system in use. Eventually systems would be able to convert normal English into the correct search terms.

Libraries would therefore change and some would disappear. The printed form would go as it would be outdated and cataloguing and classification would be no more. The dictator would not stop these trends but would provide for training in the new technology. The hard copy items mentioned earlier would only be temporary.

Dr Oppenheim's paper was the first to be presented at the conference and served to get proceedings off to a rousing start. A light hearted and entertaining paper with some serious messages particularly on video disc as delegates were to find out in a later technical paper.

Green light for grey literature — recent online access developments. J. P. Chillag, Head of Miscellaneous Records, BLLD.

Grey literature, or non-conventional literature has been a problem area for a long time. Three groups of grey literature material have been discussed where new online access now or in the near future is likely to improve document supply and bibliographic control.

1. SIGLE (System for Information on Grey Literature in Europe) became operational at the beginning of 1981. Its aim is to fill a major gap in the bibliographic coverage and supply of grey literature by initiating, with assistance from the Commission of the European Communities, a European bibliographic, document delivery and referral system for grey literature on the basis of the large collections of scientific and technical reports available in national centres. The participants in the scheme are the British Library Lending Division (UK), Fachinformationszentrum Karlsruhe (FRG), the Association UCL-LABORELEC (Belgium) and the Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique (CEA) (France). CEA also acts as the central processing centre for bibliographic records. The Lending Division will also input grey literature from the Republic of Ireland and the Riso National Laboratory is at present acting as the Danish centre.

The bibliographic file will be available through EURONET DIANE and may also be used to produce a published European grey literature index.

2. As the conference becomes one of the primary means of communication between experts in the field, the proceedings of these conferences are increasingly sought after. A vital aid in the identification of conference proceedings has for many years been the Lending Division's 'Index to Conference Proceedings Received' and since February 1981 this has been available online through BLAISE as the Conference Proceedings Index file.

The Lending Division has one of the world's most comprehensive collections of published proceedings of conferences, symposia, seminars and workshops. At present there are about 130,000 conferences in the database, with over 15,000 new entries added each year.

3. Researchers in the English-speaking world, when unable to read scientific articles in the original language, rely a great deal on the translations indexes of the Lending Division, Aslib or the National Translations Center in Chicago. The International Translations Centre (formerly European Translations Centre), Delft collects and provides information on translations from 'difficult' into Western languages and produces World Transindex. Since 1978 this is in machine-readable format and can be searched online through ESA/IRS. It should be pointed out that ITC is only a location clearinghouse and World Transindex will give some locations where the translations can be obtained. Whatever other locations are given, translations into English are invariably available from the Lending Division.

For economic reasons the Lending Divisions translating service has been discontinued from 1 April 1981, but it must be emphasised that this does not affect in any way the continuing provision of the over ½ million translations from BLLD, or the checking of its Translation Index for the existence of a translation.

A brief description of the Lending Division's new current awareness bibliography 'British Reports, Translations and Theses' was also given. KIST (Keyword Index to Serial Titles) was also described.

Prospects for the optical disc in information storage and retrieval systems. Dr R. Barrett, Associate Dean, Hatfield Polytechnic.

Dr Barrett in introducing his paper said that there had for a number of years been an interest in motion-picture and television circles in the possibility of providing the television viewer with the means of watching programmes of his own choice in his own time.

Accordingly, during the past two decades there had been considerable activity by manufacturers aimed at developing video recording and playback systems. The potential market is so great that there had been a virtual stampede to get in on the act, and a wide variety of technologies have been investigated for their possible use in this application. Although not all of the systems developed have been successful, others have been and the result is that the recording and playback of television programmes in the home is now practicable if somewhat expensive. Outstanding among the devices employed for this purpose is the video cassette recorder.

There is, however, another development in video playback now just coming on to the market in the form of the 'video disc'. Whereas the video cassette is the video equivalent of the audio cassette, the video disc can be regarded as the video equivalent of the audio record. A number of advantages are foreseen for the video disc in comparison with the video cassette. Foremost amongst these are the cheaper duplication of the discs and — hopefully — cheaper players. Further, the absence of a recording facility on most disc systems means that in principle discs are favoured by programme suppliers.

The video disc technology can be divided into two basic approaches: the optical disc that is read without physical contact and the mechanical disc that is read by a stylus, similar to the gramophone record. The majority of the video disc systems will be of the optical disc type due to the absence of wear on the disc. The videodisc typically stores 54,000 tv frames plus two sound tracks per side of a 12-inch record. A stereo sound version has also been demonstrated. On a 6-inch diameter optical disc, one hour of hi-fi stereo music can be stored. The data for the video picture and the sound track is recorded in digital form as minute holes burned into the disc surface by a laser. Since the code is in digital (0 or 1) format, any intelligence that can be digitally expressed can be stored on the optical disc in a manner that is similar to the storage of data in a computer memory.

The optical video disc system begins with a rotating master disc and a modulated laser light beam. The laser beam is focused to a micron sized spot on the surface of the master disc. The disc's surface, which is coated with a light sensitive layer, is exposed to the modulated and focused laser beam. The result is a recording of pits in the sensitive layer which maps the light modulation. The light is modulated by a signal composed of video and audio information.

There are many applications where it is desirable to store documents with resolution requirements exceeding the capability of the standard television system. For instance it is not possible to display more than one-eighth of a normal typewritten A4 page on a 625-line television screen with good legibility. This means that in applying the video disc in this field the standard TV format must be abandoned with the result that the user must be prepared to use special mastering, replication and playback techniques with the consequent increase in complexity and cost. Also, in all applications discussed so far the disc has been used in a read-only mode, i.e. the information impressed upon the disc is unalterable. If the disc is to be used as a backing store for a computer, then a read and a write facility is desirable, which is even more complicated and costly. The potential benefits from this application are so significant that considerable research effort is being applied to solving the numerous problems.

By the use of the laser writing technique it is currently possible to store 10^{10} bits of information on one side of the 12-inch optical disc. Thus, it has great potential as a mass data storage medium since it is likely to have superior archival

properties compared to magnetic tape. In the field of mass document storage the access time of the disc is superior to that available in stores based on microfilm.

The use of the optical disc in the consumer video market is already becoming established in the United States. Its application in the field of mass document and data storage shows great potential. There are still a number of technological problems to be solved but such systems should be well established within the next five years.

RAE developments

The library of the Aeronautical Research Council is now part of the Royal Aircraft Establishment collection. Requests for ARC material should now be addressed to Steve Thornton, The Library, Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough.

RAE have been running a new computerized reports control system since March this year. The reports issues system runs on a CMC Sovereign PCK minicomputer, front-ending an ICL 1904 and controls issues, locations, holdings, security musters, reservations, stored distribution lists, automatic hastening of reserved items and statistics. 2000 items are currently loaded on the system.

Any news on automation in Electronics Group libraries is always welcome.

Group visit

A visit has been arranged to Philips Research Laboratories, Horley near Redhill, Surrey on 14 October 1981.

The visit will be from 10.30 to 16.30, own transport needed. Number limited to 10. Intending visitors write to C. W. Clarke, Technical Library, Electrical Quality Directorate, Golf Road, Bromley, Kent.

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AEBIG award

Contact — The UK news contact directory won the AEBIG Award for the Best New Business Reference Book published in 1980. The award was presented to Stanley Brown of IPC Business Press Information Service Ltd. at the AEBIG Annual Dinner held this year at the Guinness Park Royal Brewery.

The annual award is given by the Aslib Economic and Business Information Group (AEBIG) to the publisher of the most valuable book first published during that year. Through this award the Group hope to encourage the publication of valuable new reference sources that are accurate and well presented. All too often, a publisher produces a new title with apparently no consultation with the user.

Titles are nominated by members of the Group and then judged by a panel — Mr Malcolm Campbell (City Business Library), Miss Gillian Dare (BIM) and Mr Leslie Smyth (Manchester Commercial Library). The judges used their experience and the following criteria for selection:

- the presentation of the information
- the value of the information from a user's viewpoint
- the percentage of the information that is not easily available elsewhere
- the accuracy of the information
- the currency of the information
- the enterprise of the project

Contact — The UK news contact directory brings together information from many different sources, it is up-to-date, comprehensively indexed and well presented — an excellent example of publishing enterprise.

In second place was *Sources of British business comparative performance data* by C. A. Westwick and published by ICAEW in their Accountants Digest Series. The content is of a very high standard but the presentation and marketing poor.

Third place went to *The world directory of multinational enterprises* edited by J. M. Stopford, J. H. Dunning and K. O. Haberich, and published by Macmillan Reference Books. A highly professional publication with good content and presentation — the lack of directors names was seen as a serious omission.

Other titles nominated and worthy of a good mention:

— *Key Personnel,* Trade Research Publications Ltd. — an excellent idea and well presented, but as a loose leaf book it has lost momentum because of delays in producing the update service.

— *EEC Brief* by Miles Gregg — commended for individual initiative but should have had an index.

— *Directory of Directories* by Etheridge, Gale Research (US) — of a very high standard as expected from Gale but of limited use to UK libraries.

Clearing Bank Clearing Out

Williams and Glyn's have the following books for disposal:

DBI — Germany supplies, 1980.
Directory of European associations, 1971.
Middle East financial directory, 1980.
Economic survey of Jersey, G. C. Powell, 1971.
Europa Yearbook Volumes 1 & 2.

There is no charge, but collection must be arranged from Mrs T. J. Palmer, Library, 67 Lombard Street, London EC3P 3DL. Tel: 01 626 5400 ext. 675.

Bibliographies

In response to the entry in *Aslib Information* July 1974, and further to the lists given in recent issues, we have received and inspected the following bibliography. Photocopies of this bibliography can be supplied by Aslib at the price indicated. Orders should be addressed to the Head of the Information Division at Aslib. All orders must be **PRE-PAID.**

Bibl—1593
House of Commons Library Research Division.
Gas prices in relation to supplies and reserves and international comparison of gas prices. 1980. 10 pages. Reference Sheet No. 80/4. £1.30.

The following bibliographies are available direct from the issuing organizations. **PLEASE GIVE FULL DETAILS WHEN ORDERING** — the Bibliography number alone is not sufficient to enable the publishing organization to identify the item.

Bibl—1594
Aberdeen City Libraries. Commercial & Technical Department.
Bibliography of material on oil & gas. 2nd Edition. 1979. 46 pages.
Available from: City Librarian, Central Library, Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen AB9 1GU.

Bibl—1595
Brearley, C. P.
A bibliography on social work and ageing. 1979. 28 pages. £1.20.
Available from: Age Concern England, Bernard Sunley House, 60 Pitcairn Road, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 3LL.

Bibl—1596
City of London Polytechnic.
Media resources in British 19th/20th century history for lecturers. 1980. 23 pages. £1.00.
Available from: Library & Learning Resources Service, City of London Polytechnic, Calcutta House Precinct, Old Castle Street, London E1 7NT.

Bibl—1597
City of London Polytechnic.
Media resources on industry for lecturers. 1980. 28 pages.
Available from: Library & Learning Resources Service, City of London Polytechnic, Calcutta House Precinct, Old Castle Street, London E1 7NT.

Bibl—1598
City of London Polytechnic.
Media resources on inequalities for lecturers. 1980. 17 pages.
Available from: Library & Learning Resources Service, City of London Polytechnic, Calcutta House Precinct, Old Castle Street, London E1 7NT.

Bibl—1599
Civil Aviation Authority. Central Library.
Air transport in the Middle East: a bibliography. 1979. 41 refs.
Available from: Bibliographic Services, Central Library, Civil Aviation Authority, CAA House, 45—59 Kingsway, London WC2B 6TE.

Bibl—1600
Civil Aviation Authority. Central Library.
Airbus: a bibliography. 1979. 30 refs.
Available from: Bibliographic Services, Central Library, Civil Aviation Authority, CAA House, 45—59 Kingsway, London WC2B 6TE.

Bibl—1601
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Bananas and plantains: growth, development and yield 1970—1979. 1980. 196 refs. U.K. £5.00. Overseas £6.00.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl—1602
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Light and temperature responses of woody plants 1970—1979. 1980. 324 refs. U.K. £6.00. Overseas £7.20.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl—1603
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Biology of tropical soils (1964—1976). 1978. 55 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA 1978. U.K. £3.50. Overseas £4.20.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1604
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Chemical determination of mercury, cadmium and lead in soil and plant material (1966—1977). 1978. 96 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA 1973. U.K. £4.00. Overseas £4.80.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1605
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Determination of soil bacterial, fungal and algal populations (1970—1977). 1978. 241 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA 1979. U.K. £5.50. Overseas £6.60.
Available from: Commonwealth Bureau of Soils, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts AL5 2JQ.

Bibl—1606
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Soil erosion in Africa, Southern Asia, Australasia and Oceania (1957—1977). 1978. 130 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. SA 1971. U.K. £4.50. Overseas £5.40.
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Available from: Department of Health and Social Security Library, Alexander Fleming House, Elephant and Castle, London SE1 6BY.

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Available from: Department of Health and Social Security Library, Alexander Fleming House, Elephant and Castle, London SE1 6BY.

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Some books in the Library on computers and their applications. 1979. 176 refs. (Supplement to Bibliography Series No. 53).
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Shopping: a select list of material based on DOE/DTp Library. 1980. 150 refs. Bibliography No. 104. Price £1.00 + postage.
Available from: Headquarters Library, Department of the Environment/Department of Transport, 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 3EB.

Bibl—1613
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The new criminals: a bibliography of computer related crime. 2nd edition. 1979. £6.50.
Available from: Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London WC2R 0BL.

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Education in Germany: a union list of stock in Institute and School of Education Libraries. 3rd edition. 1979. 194 pages. £4.00 post free. £4.50 for non-sterling remittances.
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Available from: Victorian Railways Library, 67 Spencer Street, Melbourne 3000, Victoria, Australia.

EVENTS

Statistics for librarians

The Centre for Library and Information Management, in association with Sheffield City Libraries, is holding a practical workshop on statistics for librarians at the Central Library, Sheffield on 25–26 August. The aims of the workshop are to teach practical skills in statistics and to provide an appreciation of more advanced quantitative techniques to middle management library staff with little or no formal mathematical knowledge. The fee for the two days is £23.00. Details are available from the Courses Organizer, CLAIM, Loughborough University, Leics LE11 3TU. Tel: 0509 213176.

UK Serials Group course

The UK Serials Group will be holding a two-day course on periodicals administration and processing, *with two weeks between each day,* in order to (a) enable library staffs to meet, recognize and discuss mutual problems and (b) to become more efficient in their everyday tasks. It is envisaged that this will be of benefit not only to library staff but those in equivalent employment in publishing houses, bookshops and agencies.

Courses will take place concurrently at each of the following four centres: London, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Manchester and Bristol on Wednesday 28 October and Wednesday 11 November. The cost will be £20 per delegate for the two days and will include coffee and buffet lunches.

As participants will be limited to 25 at each centre early application is advised, stating preferred centre and alternative, to: D. P. Woodworth, Secretary, UK Serials Group, Technical College, School of Librarianship, Loughborough, Leicestershire. Further details can also be obtained from this address.

ASIS Annual Meeting

The 44th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Information Science (ASIS) will be held at the Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington DC, 25–30 October 1981. The theme for the meeting is: 'The information community: An alliance for progress.'

The technical programme will include featured speakers introducing each day's events. The featured speakers include Anthony Smith, director of the British Film Institute and author-narrator of the videocassette *Goodbye Gutenberg,* Rep. George E. Brown, who introduced the Information Science and Technology Act of 1980 (the Brown Bill), and Fritz Machlup, professor of economics at New York University and author of the eight-volume *Knowledge: Its Creation, Distribution, and Economic Significance.* The Conference Chairman is Donald W. King of King Research, Inc.

For further information on the conference contact ASIS, 1010 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington, DC 20036 USA. Tel: 202/659-3644.

European information seminars

'European information and local government' – a seminar on access to information from and about the European Communities, will be held at the London Business School on Wednesday 30 September 1981. Jointly organized by Capital Planning Information Ltd and Euroinformation Ltd, the speakers include: Dame Shelagh Roberts, MEP; Carlo Pau, European Commission's London Office; Paul Bongers, Executive Secretary of the British Sections of the International Union of Local Authorities and Council of European Municipalities and Lisa Brown, their information officer; Gay Scott, formerly of the Greater London Council and Anne Ramsay, Newcastle-upon-Tyne Polytechnic's European Documentation Centre.

The fee of £40 plus VAT includes coffee, luncheon and afternoon tea, and further details are available from: Gay Scott, Euroinformation Ltd., 20 Caldecote Road, Ickwell, Nr. Biggleswade, Beds SG18 9EH. Tel: 076727 680 or Don Kennington, Capital Planning Information, 2 Birling Road, Tunbridge Wells TN2 5LX. Tel: 0892 32906.

A seminar on 'European information and the small business' is also being held on Tuesday 29 September and a special rate is available for delegates booking for both seminars. Further details are available from the above addresses.

1981 Pittsburgh conference

New information technology, networking, and the expanding information marketplace are some of the major issues to be examined by leading figures in the library and information worlds at the 1981 Pittsburgh Conference, scheduled for 2–4 November 1981 and sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh's School of Library and Information Science.

Titled 'The challenge of change – critical choices for library decision-makers,' the 1981 Pittsburgh Conference will bring public, academic, special, and school library managers together with representatives of the information industry, network directors, state and federal government officials to assess emerging trends and developing information technologies. A major focus will be on new modes of information storage and delivery, now in the 'laboratory' stage of development, and their anticipated impact on libraries and library service over the next five to seven years. The challenge of a rapidly expanding information industry to the traditional services of libraries will be explored in depth in the context of home delivery of information via personal computers and interactive cable.

Further information is available from Allen Kent, School of Library and Information Science, University of Pittsburgh, 801 LIS Building, Pittsburgh, PA 15260 USA.

NOTES

Closure of Specification Section

There has been considerable reaction to the announcement in the May 1981 issue of *Aslib Information* concerning the closure of the Ministry of Defence specifications service.

Peter Brierley of EMI Electronics Limited, Library services, organized a meeting in May 1980, when restricted services were first announced, to discuss the needs of companies involved in defence contract work. The formation of a referral service or indeed a National Specifications Archive were discussed as possible solutions. Mr Brierley's notes from this meeting are available to enquirers and he would be interested to hear from other librarians about problems and possible solutions. If there is sufficient concern a further meeting may be held to discuss future action. Contact: Peter Brierley, Library Services, EMI Electronics Limited, 248 Blyth Road, Hayes, Middlesex, UB3 1HR. Tel: 01-573 3888 ext. 2712.

In addition to the suppliers listed in the May issue, the documents are also available from Microinfo Limited, as part of their US Government document delivery service. For further information contact: Microinfo Limited, PO Box 3, Newman Lane, Alton, Hants GU34 2PG. Tel: Alton 84300.

Central Film Library

The Central Film Library has announced that from 1 August 1981 it is moving its distribution centre from its present location at Bromyard Avenue, London W3, to a new address; Chalfont Grove, Gerrards Cross, Bucks SL9 8TN. Tel: 02407 4111. A contract signed before Easter provides for the Services Kinema Corporation to operate bookings, sales and despatch services for the Central Film Library from their Chalfont Grove premises.

The management and identity of The Central Film Library are not affected or altered in any way by this change of location. The library will continue with its development plans, and the marketing and administration headquarters will remain at the Central Office of Information, at Hercules Road, London SE1 7DU.

News

ASIS Jobline service

The American Society for Information Science (ASIS) has a new telephone number for its Jobline service: 202/659-1737. By dialling this number callers can listen to a recording of brief descriptions of available jobs in the information profession. Recordings are updated every Friday.

ASIS has established a $25 fee per job description; each description will be listed for two consecutive weeks. There is no fee for ASIS Institutional Members, and a prepaid account is available for organizations anticipating regular use of the ASIS Jobline.

For further information on this service, contact ASIS Headquarters, 1010 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington, DC 20036, USA. Tel: 202/659-3644.

Microcomputer applications directory

A growing number of librarians are interested in microcomputer applications and are investigating ready-made or specially written programs, with the result that there is a risk of duplication of effort.

To avoid this and to provide a list of contacts who could give advice based on experience, any librarian who is currently using a microcomputer is invited to contact: Paul Burton, Senior Librarian, Leith Nautical College, 24 Milton Road East, Edinburgh EH15 2PP, giving the following details: hardware, program(s), current applications and future plans. The information will be used to produce a directory to be distributed as widely as possible. Details of any existing directories should also be sent to the above address to prevent duplication.

Derwent/SDC project

Derwent Publications Ltd. have announced an agreement in principle to establish a European online information retrieval service as a joint venture project with System Development Corporation of Santa Monica, California. The announcement was made by Monty Hyams, Derwent's Managing Director and Robert K. Floyd, Vice-President and General Manager, SDC Commercial Services Division.

The objective of the new service is to address the requirements of the significant and rapidly growing European market for online information retrieval.

Subject to the completion of legal formalities, the new joint venture service will begin marketing activities from July. Computer operations at a European facility, using the Orbit information retrieval system, are planned for installation by the end of this year and will be accessible via Euronet. Initially, the facility will offer all the Derwent databases. Additional databases will be added to address the specific needs and interests of the European Community.

National Computer Index on Microfiche

The information on computer installations in the United Kingdom is now available in microfiche form. The entire record of active installations from The National Computing Centre's database has now been captured on less than 100 microfiche. In addition, 10 index fiche allow selection by a variety of criteria such as geographical area, manufacturer's model, company name and type of industry. The index fiche are updated monthly but users may order special indexes to suit their own particular selections.

The National Computer Index contains details of all installed and withdrawn machines. For each machine there is information on company name, address and computer manager, as well as details of size, value and dates of the installations. Peripheral information includes communication facilities and a further section deals with applications and languages used. Further information is available from Brian Stanford-Smith, National Computing Centre Limited, Oxford Road, Manchester M1 7ED. Tel: 061-228-6333.

PUBLICATIONS

House of Commons Background Papers

The Aslib Information Services Department *is now receiving* the *Background Papers* prepared by the House of Commons Library Research Division. We have received a copy of each of the Background Papers issued during the lifetime of the present Parliament and these will be listed in the next few issues of *Aslib Information*. Further Background Papers will be listed, as they are received at Aslib.

Photocopies of these Background Papers can be supplied by Aslib at the prices indicated. Orders should be addressed to the Head of the Information Division at Aslib. All orders must be **PRE-PAID.**

BP—1
House of Commons Library Research Division.
Import controls. 1979. 28 pages. Background Paper No. 70. £3.20.

BP—2
House of Commons Library Research Division.
Statistics of murder. 1979. 14 pages. Background Paper No. 71. £1.70.

BP—3
House of Commons Library Research Division.
Monetary policy and monetarism. 1979. 20 pages. Background Paper No. 72. £2.40.

BP—4
House of Commons Library Research Division.
The budget of the European Communities. 1979. 16 pages. Background Paper No. 73. £2.00.

BP—5
House of Commons Library Research Division.
The closed shop. 1979. 17 pages. Background Paper No. 74. £2.00.

BP—6
House of Commons Library Research Division.
Public expenditure and the economy. 1980. 19 pages. Background Paper No. 75. £2.20.

BP—7
House of Commons Library Research Division.
Review of public order legislation. 1980. 21 pages. Background Paper No. 76. £2.40.

BP—8
House of Commons Library Research Division.
Unemployment. 1980. 43 pages. Background Paper No. 77. £4.60.

BP—9
House of Commons Library Research Division.
Economic forecasts and the March 1980 Budget. 1980. 22 pages. Background Paper No. 78. £2.50.

Europe 81

Members of Aslib with European interests should not be without copies of the free publication entitled *Europe 81.*

Europe 81 is a restyled format for the A5 publication *European Community.* Its aim is to show the Community at work: to illustrate how its policies and decisions affect the lives of those who work in the member countries and often of those who live outside the Community. The 8 page Euroforum insert brings new and authoritative comment from and about the Community institutions and includes a reading list.

To put your name on the mailing list for this free publication contact: European Commission, Dept MC, 20 Kensington Palace Gardens, London W8 4QQ.

BIOSIS Search Guide

BioSciences Information Service have produced a new edition of the *BIOSIS Search Guide.* The Guide contains 5 sections as follows:

(1) Master Index lists vocabulary used in the BIOSIS database.
(2) Details the coverage of the 600 broad subject headings (Concept Headings).
(3) Details the coverage of the 100 taxonomic categories (Biosystematic Headings).
(4) Details the criteria for inclusion of material in the BIOSIS database.
(5) Information on the preparation of search strategies for use in the BIOSIS database.

and is an essential tool for any user of the BIOSIS database in online or offline mode. It is available for purchase in the UK from: Thompson, Henry Ltd, London Road, Sunningdale, Berks SL5 0EP.

Euro Brief

Euro Brief is a new fortnightly publication from Euroinformation Limited covering news of developments, current affairs and publications in the European Community. The full subscription rate is £48.00, i.e. twelve issues, with a special rate of £40.00 for members of Aslib. Further information and sample issues can be obtained from Gay Scott, Euroinformation Limited, 20 Caldecote Road, Ickwell, Near Biggleswade, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire SG18 9EH. Tel: 076727 680.

Reviews

Repertoire international des recherches appliquées à la protection de l'homme au travail. 4è edition. Paris: Institut National de Recherche et de Sécurité, 1980. 403p.

Following our review of this publication, which appeared in the May 1981 issue of *Aslib Information,* we have received an English language version of this directory. The details of this are as follows:

International directory of applied research for the protection of man at work. 3rd edition. Paris: Institute National de Recherche et de Sécurité, 1980. 416p.

The directory is compiled in the same way as the French edition, but the contents are not as up-to-date. The original French 3rd edition was published in 1977, and the contents of the 4th edition reflect that there are now many new projects being carried out in this field of research. Therefore the English language 3rd edition, whilst being a useful source for details concerning a number of research institutions worldwide, does not give the most recent details of projects being carried out at these establishments.

The Conant Report: a study of the education of librarians. Ralph W. Conant. Cambridge, Massachusetts: MIT Press, 1980. 210p. ISBN 0 262 03072 1.

This volume is based on a research project, carried out in America, into the education of librarians. The introduction states: 'the purpose of this study is to examine the objectives, scope and content of programs of library education in a few representative graduate schools. The study focused primarily on the accredited master's programs, but included for comparison an unaccredited program and an undergraduate program'. The study was conducted in two parts: a survey of library schools, and an extensive survey of libraries.

Chapter one discusses the functions of professional and library education, while the following four chapters report the interviews with faculty, students, alumni and employers. The final chapter discusses the area of library education that are in need of improvements, and suggestions are given for improvements. The findings of the study and its recommendations are also summarized. An extensive bibliography and an index are provided.

Directory of Title pages, Indexes and Contents pages. Boston spa: British Library Lending Division (on behalf of the UK Serials Group), 1981. 140p. ISBN 0 85350 1785.

This is the first edition of a publication that aims to provide information on the availability of title pages, indexes and content pages to journals. It is produced by the UK Serials Group with the assistance of the British Library Lending Division and is a refinement of the original *TPI List* published by Hafner. As with its predecessor, *DOTIC* is likely to be useful to both librarians maintaining files of journals and information users.

The data for the entries in *DOTIC* were obtained by questionnaire from publishers. However no mention is made of selection criteria for publishers approached nor journals included in the Directory. Each entry aims to provide a record of journal title, ISSN and country of origin, together with details of title page, index and contents page availability. Various symbols are used to represent this information and are conveniently listed at the foot of each double page for easy reference. *DOTIC* is arranged in alphabetical order of journal title and covers journals from ninety countries of the world.

The UK Serials Group hopes to encourage more publishers to contribute to *DOTIC* and thereby increase the Directory's comprehensiveness, updates of which the Group hopes to produce every 2–3 years.

A copy of this publication is available for reference in the Information Services Department at Aslib.

The librarian and reference queries: a systematic approach. Gerald Jahoda and Judith Schiek Braunagel. London: Academic Press, 1980. 175p. £6.80. (Library and Information Science Series) ISBN 0 12 379760 8.

It is the belief of the authors as stated in the preface that 'the teaching of reference work needs to revolve around practice in answering reference queries'. They also stated that students should be provided with a framework for answering enquiries; which this volume provides.

The introduction discusses reference enquiries, and a model of the reference process is provided, while the following chapters in the text follow the steps of the process. Chapter 2 discusses the interpretation of enquiries. The following two chapters consider categories of reference tools suitable for answering enquiries. The fifth chapter concentrates on the selection of specific titles to search, and discusses the use of card catalogues, guides to the literature and bibliographies for identifying appropriate titles. The selection of search headings for locating an answer, and answer selection are discussed in the following two chapters. Clues for recognizing queries that require negotiation and techniques for the successful negotiation of enquiries are considered. Chapter 10 deals with online searching, and discusses the characteristics of online searching, and provides an introduction to search logic. The concluding chapter provides a summary of the points raised in the text, and suggests ways in which libraries can play a more significant role in the information exchange process. At the end of the volume, examples of queries actually asked in libraries are provided as practical exercises. Following the list of questions are the answers, with details of lead-in tools used and the reference tool used to answer the enquiry. Other practical exercises with answers, questions for discussion and additional readings are provided at the end of the chapters.

Management information from databases. T. Crowe and D. E. Avison. London: Macmillan, 1980. 200p. £4.50. ISBN 0 333 26085 6.

This is a practical volume which outlines the methodology for the development and implementation of management information systems.

The first chapter discusses management information systems, while the following four chapters outline system theory, strategies for design of system, data analysis, which includes a case history, and lastly the implementation of a system. The sixth chapter surveys recent information technology, while an introduction to database management is provided in the following chapter. The nature and cost of information are discussed, and the last chapter considers the social impact of large scale implementation of computer systems.

A case study and diagram of TV rental operational control are provided in the two appendices. The material for the volume is drawn from the practical experiences of the two authors, and the text is illustrated with numerous figures.

Archives and the computer. Michael Cook. London: Butterworths, 1980. 152p. £12.50. ISBN 0 408 10734 0.

The systems analysis and design aspects of implementing computers for records management and archives administration are covered in detail. This includes a discussion of potentially appropriate software. Most of the existing systems were developed from other fields of use. Records management systems described are the Dyfed Record Office CAR, Tyne and Wear Archives Department ARMS, and University of Liverpool CMF for the control of records. The issue systems of the Chester City Record Office and University of Liverpool are described together with archival description, retrieval and management systems. These are PROSPEC, NARS A-1, SPINDEX, SELGEM, STAIRS, PARADIGM, MISTRAL, and ARCAIC. A directory lists further systems not covered in the text. A final chapter deals with problems in the archival treatment of machine-readable formats.

Introduction to comparative librarianship. Douglas J. Foskett. Bangalore: Sarada Ranganathan Endowment for Library Science, 1979. 52p.

This volume gives the texts of seven lectures presented by Professor Foskett during 9–10 January 1979, in the Ranganathan Memorial Series of lectures.

The first four lectures cover the nature of comparative librarianship, systems theory in a social context, data collection and analysis, and sources in comparative librarianship. The two case studies provided in the fifth lecture illustrate practical applications of comparative librarianship.

International aspects of comparative librarianship are dealt with in the penultimate lecture, while the last lecture discusses its practical value.

Administrative effectiveness. CLAIM. Loughborough: Loughborough University Department of Library and Information Studies, Centre for Library and Information Management. 1980. 37p. £3.00. (Aids to Library Administration Series No. 1) (BLRDR 5529) ISBN 0 904924 21 1.

This is the first pamphlet in a series produced by CLAIM, which has the aim of presenting techniques developed by CLAIM in a format suitable for implementation by managers of library and information services.

The introduction discusses the aim of the publication and project, and provides an outline of an administrative effectiveness management information system. In the following chapter, a checklist for administrative effectiveness is provided in four sections: preparation, recording, analysis and reporting. Each of the sections is dealt with in more detail. The section on preparation discusses flow process charts, and includes specimen charts. A list of activities is also given in this section, and the various operations and activities necessary for the effective running of a system are outlined, along with sample forms necessary for the recording of activities.

The sections on recording, analysis and reporting discuss the activities and sample forms for recording information are provided.

ABC's of library promotion. 2nd edition. Steve Sherman. London: Scarecrow Press, 1980. 242p. £8.40. ISBN 0 8108 1274 6.

Although this volume is both American and public library orientated, it may be useful to anyone considering library promotion. The first part of the volume, which consists of four chapters, considers the need for public relations, what produces good public relations, the development of the image of the library, and the importance of knowing how to sell the library to its clientele.

The media for publicity such as newspapers, radio and television, films and slides are considered in the first three chapters of part two. Each chapter contains a useful glossary. Other ideas for library promotion are discussed, including gaining the support of influential people in the community. Two chapters are devoted to discussing how to evaluate a public relations programme, and develop a programme that will flourish. The final chapter of the section provides a case study of library promotion in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Suggestions for library promotion in public, school and academic libraries are given in the final section of the volume. The two appendices entitled 'Notable quotes from quotable notables' and 'useful facts and figures' provide unusual facts and quotations about libraries: for example 'In the fourth century AD Rome had twenty-eight public libraries'.

Secrecy, or the right to know? A study of the feasibility of Freedom of Information for the United Kingdom. Freedom of Information Campaign. London: Library Association for the Freedom of Information Campaign, 1980. 110p. £2.25. ISBN 0 85365 943 5.

The importance of freedom of information legislation for Britain is stressed throughout this volume of papers by Britain's authorities on the subject.

The first chapter deals with the history and effect of freedom of information. British government is discussed in the second chapter, with particular reference to the probable effect of open government. The following chapter considers how a freedom of information act would work in practice, while its influence on the consumer is considered in the subsequent paper. The cost of open government, and why secrecy exists in Britain is considered in the following two chapters. A comparative analysis of Freedom of Information is made in the last chapter.

The texts of the Freedom of Information bill introduced by Clement Freud, the existing American freedom of information and privacy legislation, and the recent bill introduced by the Canadian Government are reproduced in full in the appendices.

Lexique de la télématique. Paul-Albert Messerli, Paris: SCM, 1979. (290p). ISBN 2 901133 22 3.

This dictionary of 'teleinformatics' is aimed at the user of online systems who finds himself confronted with the jargon of three converging disciplines: information processing, telecommunications and documentation. Within its broad coverage of the field of remote access to databases it includes terminology of data handling: equipment and programs; transmission and networks; commercially available systems and databases; documentary languages; and text processing. It is not intended for the computer specialist.

The glossary contains over 1000 terms regarded as of practical value and commonly encountered in the user manuals for online systems and databases. It takes the form of a permuted list, in alphabetical order (in French), with English equivalents and relatively simple definitions. There are many cross references using the forms 'voir' (see), 'voir aussi' (see also) and 'voir sous' (see under).

There is an English–French index, also in the form of a permuted list. A short bibliography of related works, principally other glossaries, is appended.

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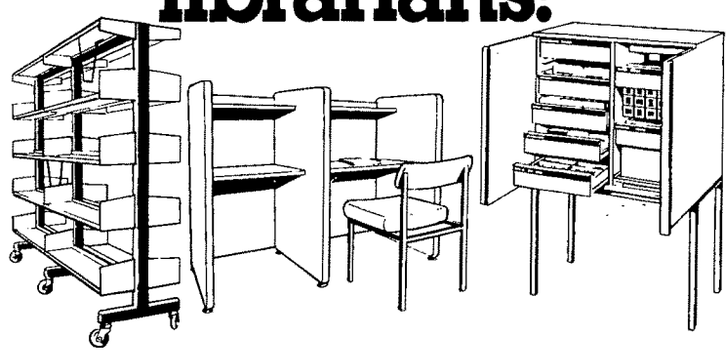

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20 Tues — Informatics/Computer Groups Information Retrieval Fair
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9 Mon 15.30 — Informatics Group Meeting
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Fee: £120; Aslib members £90
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

25 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Aslib Evening Meeting
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Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

DECEMBER

2 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Chemical Group Evening Meeting
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Contact: Mrs L. A. Battle, Esso Research Centre, Abingdon, Oxon. Tel: 0235 45326
Details later

3 Thurs — Aslib with British Tourist Authority (BTA) Conference within the World Travel Market: The future of travel information services
Presentation Theatre, Olympia, London
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later.

4 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group Meeting, Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

7 Mon 15.30 — Informatics Group Afternoon Meeting
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Contact: J. C. McLelland, BSI (THE), Maylands Avenue, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP2 4SQ.
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Details later

*10/11 Thurs/Fri — Social Sciences Information Group Course
Policy Studies Institute, 1–2 Castle Lane, London SW1
Contact for further information, programme and registration form: Susan Johnson, Tel: 01 828 7055 or Eve Johansson, Tel: 01 636 1544 ext 487

17/18 Thurs/Fri — Aslib course: An Introduction to the Universal Decimal Classification
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Details and application form in July/August issue
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12/14 Wed/Fri — EURIM 5: a European conference on research into the management of information services and libraries
Palais des Congrès, Versailles, France
contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

SEPTEMBER

21/24 Tues/Fri — Aslib 55th Annual Conference: Information technology
University of Manchester Owens Park
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
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In line with their aim to promote better services for members and to improve the co-ordination between the Groups and Aslib Headquarters, the Group Officers Committee has set up a small working party to consider in detail the future organization of the Groups and activities, in conjunction with the Acting Director and the Director Designate. The working party is to present a preliminary report to the Group Officers Committee by 1 December 1981. The views of any member will, of course, be more than welcome. For details of the current status of the study, contact Richard Ardern, U.I. Management Consultants, 32 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4AR, (01-236 7474 ext 158).

FID Committees

Aslib, as the British National Member of FID, has the responsibility of nominating UK representatives for those FID Committees whose work is considered to be relevant to UK interests. At present nominations are sought for representatives on the following Committees: Social Science Documentation; Information for Industry; Informetrics; and anyone who is interested in undertaking work of this kind is invited to write to the Director of Aslib or to the Chairman of the International Relations Committee, Mr M. W. Hill, Director, Science Reference Library, 25 Southampton Buildings, London WC2A 1AW.

British Standards Institution Reorganisation

A reorganisation of the BSI Technical Division and its associated Council structure is scheduled for August 1981. There will be five Technical Departments in London, each with its own Council, namely:

Chemical and Health
Construction
Electrical Engineering
Information Systems
Mechanical Engineering

The new Council structure includes an Information Systems Council (S/–) responsible for Standards Committees dealing with:

Data Processing and Office Machines (OIS/–)
Printing and Stationery (SPS/–)
Documentation (DOS/–)
Quality Management Systems (QMS/–)
Optics (OES/–)

Special arrangements have been made to ensure that the Information Systems Council (S/–) is closely associated with the new standards programme arising from the Telecommunications Bill and BSI staff working on telecommunications standards will be the line management responsibility of the Group Manager, Information Systems.

Further information can be obtained from Mr R. W. Hodgkinson, Group Manager, Services Dept, BSI, 2 Park St, London W1A 2BS.

Visitors to Aslib

During the last couple of months the Information Services Department and the Library have received the following two visitors arranged by the British Council: Mr Md. Osman Ghani, Bibliographic Officer from the Bangladesh National Scientific and Technical Documentation Centre (BANSDOC) who was on an UNESCO Fellowship; and Mr Mahmoud Mohamed Eid, Under Secretary and Director of the Documentation and Publishing Center, Institute of National Planning in Cairo, Egypt.

A visit, also arranged by the British Council, which involved a number of Departments at Aslib, as well as the Library and Information Services Department, was organised for the Korea Science and Technology Information Centre (KORSTIC). The party consisted of eight people, whose ability to understand English varied so that all that was said on the Aslib side was translated into Korean by the leader of the group.

Ms M. A. Vincent, Lecturer in Librarianship in the Canberra College of Advanced Education, Australia, visited Aslib on

30 June to investigate the possibility of doing research in the UK on the application of distance learning systems to education for librarianship. She had discussions with members of the Education and Research and Consultancy Departments.

Earlier in June Aslib also received visits from Professor Brian Vickery, Director, School of Library Archive and Information Studies, University College, London, and Mr Abdul Rahman Abdel Aziz, Director, Information Systems and Technical Service, Saudi Arabian National Center for Science and Technology, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Aslib 54th Annual Conference: Information '81: forecasts and realities
22–25 September 1981, University of Oxford

With just 3 weeks to go, it is still not too late to book for the Annual Conference. An excellent general programme ranges from a progress report on national information policies in Europe and the UK; a number of highlights of the new technology; some talking points such as to charge or not to charge for information and a debate on copyright; speakers include Professor Peter Canisius, President of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Dokumentation, John Osborn, MP, Robert Maxwell, Anthony Smith (author of *Goodbye Gutenberg* and Director of the British Film Institute), and Professor T. Stonier, who will close the proceedings with a look at the electronic future and its impact on work and society. The Group sessions are an innovation following the pattern set at the Joint Conference last year; they give Group members a chance to indulge in their own speciality and at the same time enjoy the wider range of the whole conference.

A fully booked exhibition, including many old friends and one or two new faces, is strategically placed at the heart of the Conference accommodation and will be launched at the Welcome Reception on the first night. Further gaieties follow – an after-dinner reception in the stately Sheldonian Theatre on the evening of 23 September and a rather less formal Conference Reception than usual on 24 September in Fyfield Manor, with its mediaeval solar and Blackwell's Rare Books Department. Finally the visits, with Blenheim Palace, Broughton Castle, the Research and Development Division of Metal Box, AERE Harwell, Oxford City and Colleges, Pergamon Press offer a really tantalizing choice. Your contact: The Conference Organizer, Aslib. Telephone or telex if you don't trust the post.

Getting the most out of EURONET: a seminar for online users
7 October 1981, Imperial College, London.

On 7 October Aslib will be holding a one-day intensive seminar on Euronet/DIANE and all that it offers. Designed for those who have some experience of online searching but who require updating on the current state of the system and the services offered, the seminar will include a presentation from the Euronet/DIANE team, and four of the major DIANE hosts (TELESYSTEMS–QUESTEL, FIZ–TECHNIK, INKA and DATACENTRALEN) will demonstrate the unique characteristics of their online services. It is intended that the seminar will offer an excellent opportunity to compare the different systems and their associated costs, and to hear about the experiences of Euronet users. The final panel session is designed to give the audience a chance to have their say and any existing users who would be interested in making a contribution should contact the Conference Organizer, Aslib, from whom further information about the seminar as a whole is also available.

Practical Experience of Machine Translation: A Conference
5–6 November 1981, Kensington Hilton Hotel, London W11

Note change of location

Translation by computer is now a reality, with 15 to 20 machine translation systems in regular practical use around the world. How good is it? What are its limitations? What is it like to work with?

These are the questions which this conference seeks to answer. Its subject is machine translation (MT) in *practice,* rather than theory, and it will be unusual in drawing speakers from the practitioners who work on 'practical' (not research) MT systems. Among a distinguished cast will be Benoit Thouîn (Montreal); Michael Hundt (MITEL Corp, Ottawa); Richard Ruffino (Xerox, New York); Francesco Rossi (Rank Xerox, Milan); Dale Bostad (US Air Force); Professor F. E. Knowles (Aston).

The theme is handled in 4 main sessions. *Translation in transition* will set the scene, first by discussing MT and people (Veronica Lawson), text types and ways to assess translation (Professor J. C. Sager, UMIST), and the evolution of MT philosophy (W. J. Hutchins, University of East Anglia), and then by describing the Meteo and Weidner systems and their use. This is followed by a more searching look at *Aspects of editing,* using the example of Systran and covering the importance of feedback from translators (I. M. Pigott, European Commission, Luxembourg), psychological factors and ergonomics (N. Bevan, National Physical Laboratory), and economic aspects (G. Van Slype, Bureau Marcel van Dijk, Brussels). *The posteditors' experience* is a central discussion chaired by J. A. Bachrach (head of the European Commission translators in Luxembourg) on MT errors, the impact of feedback on quality, improving the dictionaries, and training. Finally, the conference will look at what MT is *not* likely to do. Where should research and marketing be concentrated? *Speculation: the limits of innovation,* with Professor Yorick Wilks (Essex) in the chair, will examine Eurotra, the system proposed by the European Commission (Margaret King, Geneva); the pivotal role of MT dictionaries; and the future as seen by Margaret Masterman, the Cambridge pioneer of MT.

Is MT a help or a hindrance, or both, or even neither? Like its predecessors, *Translating and the Computer* in 1978 and *Machine Aids for Translators* last year, *Practical Experience of Machine Translation* should attract a large international audience of translators, administrators and computer people in government, institutions and industry, as well as academics, promoters of MT systems, users and potential users of MT, and the information community as a whole.

Joint sponsors Aslib and the Translators' Guild are grateful to the Commission of the European Communities for their generous help, without which this major 2-day event could not have been staged at so reasonable a cost. (The fee is £90.00; *£80.00 for members of Aslib and the Translators' Guild.*

A programme and registration form were distributed in July/August; further copies and information can be obtained from the Conference organizer, Aslib.

The Future of Travel Information Services; a conference within the World Travel Market arranged with the British Tourist Authority
3 December 1981, The Presentation Theatre, Olympia, London

The travel industry survives on information and at the heart of the World Travel Market at Olympia this year will be a unique opportunity to study the problem of obtaining the right information at the right time and in the right place (and perhaps at the right price!).

Delegates to the World Travel Market will be seeing and hearing about a vast range of new and often seemingly conflicting services for the travel industry, and at The Future of Travel Information Services a number of experts will guide them through this maze of new technological possibilities as well as the more conventional information sources at present available.

Computer booking services; Viewdata systems, staff and training; the overall adequacy or otherwise of current information provision and a wide range of other issues will be defined and evaluated in the light of the vastly increased range of information needed by the traveller today.

Aslib sees this as an exciting opportunity to reach a new public, but many members concerned with travel information may find it interesting to attend. For futher information and in due course a programme and registration form, contact The Conference Organizer, Aslib.

EURIM 5: a European conference on research into the management of information services and libraries
12–14 May 1982, Palais des Congrès, Versailles

For EURIM 5, the fifth in this important series of international conferences, the sponsors – Aslib with the Association Nationale de la Recherche Technique, Bibliothèque Royal de Belgique, Consiglio Nazionale della Ricerche, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Dokumentation, NOBIN and NORDFORSK – have returned to the original concept of a conference on research into the management of information services and libraries. They are particularly anxious that the programme should consist of presentations of the highest standard, so instead of issuing a general call for papers, they are making direct approaches to the main centres of research concerned with information handling in the sponsoring countries inviting them to make a presentation on their most important current work under one of the main heads of the conference: *Management of information services and libraries,* including marketing, promotion, evaluation and economic aspects; *retrieval techniques,* including new work on classification and indexing methods, bibliometrics and artificial intelligence; *information transfer and delivery,* including studies of information flow within organizations, document delivery and new communication techniques; *education, training and manpower,* including manpower forecasting research, training methods, and educating the users of tomorrow; *multilingual systems,* including machine translation and machine aids for translators.

The hope is that this will assemble a programme of new, ongoing and original work that has not yet been published, while the occasion will provide a unique opportunity for the communication of recent research work to an international audience and for the exchange of ideas on key issues in the world of information.

The beautiful accommodation at the Palais des Congrès at Versailles provides ample opportunity for an exhibition, a great enhancement to the interest of the conference, which it is hoped will attract an even larger attendance than in the past. Watch this space for reports on progress of the arrangements; a programme and registration form will be distributed towards to the end of the year. Contact: The Conference Organizer, Aslib.

Well-known author to lecture on Aslib Course

Elsewhere in this issue we print the programme of Aslib's course on Copyright and Information, which will be held at Aslib Headquarters from 19–20 November. The course will be given by Mr L. J. Taylor, formerly librarian of the Library Association, and now running his own publishing business, Tamarisk Books.

His is the author of *Copyright for librarians,* a particularly useful textbook, and compiler of the two volumes of *A librarian's handbook.* Mr Taylor has secured the co-operation of Maureen Duffy, the well-known novelist, as guest lecturer. Miss Duffy is the author of ten novels in addition to several other books, and her involvement in matters concerning intellectual property is well-known. She is Vice-Chairman of the British Copyright Council and a member of the Wolfenden Committee, and a founder member of the Writers Action Group.

British Computer Society Workshop Series
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Visitors

Each year the programme arranged by Westminister City Libraries for the Commonwealth Library Bursar includes a visit to the Aslib Library. This year's Bursar was Miss Dina Pampalli, a librarian from the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation, and she came to see the Aslib Library, followed by the Information Services Department, on 22 June.

Thesauri in the Aslib Library

The following thesauri have been added to our collection since publication of our list of holdings in *Aslib Proceedings*, June 1979, and the supplementary lists in *Aslib Information*, September 1979, March 1980, September 1980 and March 1981. Most items are available for loan and all may be consulted in the Library.

Please send copies of new thesauri and classification schemes to Valerie Gilbert, Head of Library Services. We would also be pleased to receive details of thesauri in progress and your comments on schemes in use.

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Blackwell North America.
Approval plan-subject thesaurus: hierarchical and alphabetical arrangement. [Beaverton, Oregon] : Blackwell North America, 1979.
2 vols.

National Library of New Zealand. School Library Service.
Numerical and alphabetical subject headings for primary schools. Wellington: the Library, [1978].
[50p.]
Based on Dewey Decimal Classification.

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Subject headings for secondary schools libraries. Wellington: the Library, [1978].
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Thesaurus: a guide for searching the Information Bank and for organizing, cataloguing, indexing and searching collections of information on current events. 7th ed. Parsippany, N.J: New York Times, 1980.
604p.

POLITICS

Great Britain House of Commons Library
The House of Commons Library thesaurus: first working ed. London: House of Commons, 1980.
615p.

Conklin, Curt E.
Library of Congress subject headings — KF cross — reference. Provo, Utah: Brigham Young University, Law Library, 1979.
215p. (BYU Legal research series no. 5.)

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Community information system thesaurus of index terms.
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Ainley, Patricia.
Basics of community information: an action handbook for librarians. London: Association of Assistant Librarians, South East Division, 1980, Part 2, p. 43–59.

National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect
Child abuse and neglect thesaurus. Washington, D.C.: US. Department of Health & Human Services, 1980.
145p.

NATIONALITIES

Chicano thesaurus for indexing Chicano materials. Berkeley: University of California, Chicano Studies Library and Santa Barbara: University of California, University Library, Coleccion Tlogue Nahuague, 1979.
77p. $7.50.

HAPI thesaurus and name authority 1975–1977, compiled by Barbara G. Valk. Los Angeles: University of California, Latin American Center, 1979.
113p. ISBN 0 87903 403 3.
Hispanic American Periodicals Index.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

British Standards Institution
ROOT thesaurus. London: the Institution, 1981.
2 vols. (620p, 667p.) ISBN 0 905877 57 8. £155.00
Part 1: subject display
Part 2: alphabetical list.

EARTH SCIENCES

Australian Mineral Foundation
Australian thesaurus of earth sciences and related terms. 2nd ed. Adelaide: the Foundation, 1979.
308p. ISBN 0 908039 42 5.

MEDICINE

Cancernet thesaurus: English version. Villejuif: Institut Gustave Roussy, 1980.
7p; 151p; 349 p.
3 volumes: introduction (in French); hierarchical display; and alphabetic display.

Excerpta Medica
[MALIMET: Sequential print thesaurus.] [Amsterdam] : Excerpta Medica, 1979.
[469p. fiche].
Includes EMCLAS classification and EMTAGS item index.

Health Education Council
Health education thesaurus. London: the Council 1979.
[150p.]

National Cancer Institute
Alphabetical and hierarchical listings of CANCERPROJ index terms. Silver Spring, Maryland the Institute, 1980.
59p.
Categories appearing in the cancer sections (0380 to 0388) of the Smithsonian Science Information Exchange Thesaurus.

National Library of Medicine
Toxicology databank list of compounds. Bethesda, Md: The library, [1981].
[32p.]

ENERGY

NYIT Energy Information Center
Thesaurus of descriptors for the vertical file system. New York: New York Institute of Technology, Center for Energy Policy & Research, 1977.
38p. (C00/2977-11).

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Inspec thesaurus 1981. [London] : Institution of Electrical Engineers, 1980.
[436p.] ISBN 0 85296 225 8.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

ENTEL-CHILE

Tesauro de telecommunicaciones. Santiago, Chile: ENTEL, 1978.
2 vols.
Vol. 1 includes a Spanish dictionary of definitions and translation lists in English, French and German.

TELEVISION

FIAF

International index to television periodicals: list of subject headings, rev. ed, compiled by Michael Moulds. London: FIAF, 1980.
30p.

MACHINE TOOLS

Machine Tool Industry Research Association

Subject headings and cross-references.
6p.
in
Index to MTIRA Publications 1961–1978.

RAILWAYS

International Union of Railways (UIC) Documentation Bureau

Railway thesaurus (English) Paris: the Union, 1979.
126p.

AQUATIC SCIENCES

Aqualine thesaurus, edited by Peter J. Russell, compiled by Joyce G. Smith, Chichester: Ellis Horwood for the Water Research Centre, 1980.
684p. ISBN 0 85312 266 0. £45.00.

NAVIGATION

City of London Polytechnic, School of Navigation Library.
Subject index. London: the Polytechnic, [197?].
[105p.]

FOOD, DRINK, TOBACCO

Hereford Cider Museum Trust

Thesaurus of preferred subject terms. 4th ed. Hereford: the Trust, 1980.
15p.

Wills, S. D. & H. O.

Thesaurus for tobacco.
[Bristol] : the Company, [1980].
[15p.]

PETROLEUM

American Petroleum Institute

Thesaurus, 16th edition. Washington D.C.: the Institute, 1979.
273p.

Tulsa University

Geographic thesaurus: *Petroleum Abstracts:* sedimentary basins, geographic features and geographic area terms, 3rd ed. Tulsa: the University, 1978.
[406p.]

IRON & STEEL

Brinn, D. G.

The Strip Mill Division Thesaurus of indexing terms Sheffield: British Steel Corporation, 1974.
87p. (SM/622/1).

Iron and steel thesaurus, 5th ed, revised by C. M. Botes, Pretoria, S. Africa: South African Iron and Steel Industrial Corporation, 1979.
144p.

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Thesaurus di termini cartario – cartotecnici, by A. Bellioni, L. Cechetti and M. Vito – Colonna, Rome: Ente Nazional per la Cellulosa e per la Carta, 1980.
207p. (publication no. 22.) ISBN 0019 6959.
In Italian. Thesaurus of paper and paper conversion terms.

PLANNING

Reading University Agricultural Extension and Rural Development Centre

Thesaurus of terms for agricultural extension and rural development and related subjects: classified and alphabetical list. Rev. ed. Reading: the centre, 1980.
72p.

Urban affairs subject headings, compiled by Edith Ward. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1975.
34p. ISBN 0 8371 8537 8.

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Bibl—1618
House of Commons Library Research Division.
Education (Scotland) Bill. Bill 14 of 1980—81. 1981. 13 pages. Reference Sheet No. 81/2. £1.60.

Bibl—1619
House of Commons Library Research Division.
Nationality. 1980. 19 pages. Reference Sheet No. 80/15. £2.20.

The following bibliographies are available direct from the issuing organizations. **PLEASE GIVE FULL DETAILS WHEN ORDERING** — the Bibliography number alone is not sufficient to enable the publishing organization to identify the item.

Bibl—1620
Agricultural Research Council. Weed Research Organization.
Selected references to the biology and control of hemiparasitic santalales and scrophulariaceae (including striga): 1977—1979. (A supplement to Bibliographies Nos. 17, 50, 74, 86 and 108). 1979. 59 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. 134. UK £3.50. Overseas £4.20.
Available from: Weed Research Organization, Agricultural Research Council, Begbroke Hill, Yarnton, Oxford OX5 1PF.

Bibl—1621
Birmingham Public Library.
Health and safety at work: a select bibliography. 2nd Supplement. 1978. 599 refs. Technical Bibliography 11b. £6.00 (cash with order).
Available from: Science and Technology Department, Birmingham Public Library, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, B3 3HQ.

Bibl—1622
Building Services Research and Information Association.
Services for computer suites: literature in the BSRIA Library. 1980. 82 refs. Bibliography LB 41/80. £1.50 payment with order.
Available from: Building Services Research and Information Association, Old Bracknell Lane, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 4AH.

Bibl—1623
Commonwealth Bureau of Animal Health.
Bursa of fabricius in health and disease and infectious bursal (gumboro) disease (1975—1978). 1979. 157 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. 9A.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl—1624
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Medicinal plant reviews 1971—1979. 1980. 123 refs. UK £4.50. Overseas £5.40.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl—1625
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Strawberry tissue culture 1971—1979. 1980. 40 refs. UK £3.00. Overseas £3.60.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl—1626
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Enzyme activity in soil (1974—1978). 1979. 154 refs. No. SA 2045. UK £5.00. Overseas £6.00.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl—1627
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Nitosols (krasnozems, zheltozems etc.): properties, classification and genesis (1957—1977). 1979. 121 refs. NO. SA 2046. UK £4.50. Overseas £5.40.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl—1628
Department of Employment Library.
The Department of Employment and its antecedents. 1980. 10 pages. Library Checklist CL18 — 1980 (8).
Available from: Department of Employment Library, 12 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LL.

Bibl—1629
Department of Employment Library.
Training: selected books and pamphlets. 21 pages. Library Checklist: CL25 — 1980 (11).
Available from: Department of Employment Library, 12 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LL.

Bibl—1630
Department of the Environment. Work Research Unit.
Women and work: a selection from the literature. 1980. 14 pages. Work Research Unit Bibliography No. 34.
Available from: Work Research Unit, Department of the Environment, Almack House, 26 King Street, London SW1Y 6RB.

Bibl—1631
Department of Health and Social Security Library.
Selected references on escalators and lifts in hospitals. 1980. 30 refs. Bibliography Series B 128.
Available from: Department of Health and Social Security Library, Alexander Fleming House, Elephant and Castle, London SE1 6BY.

Bibl—1632
Departments of the Environment and Transport.
Urban renaissance: a select list of material located in DOE/DTp Library. 1980. 390 refs. Bibliography No. 200. £1.95 + postage.
Available from: The Library, Department of the Environment and Department of Transport, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB.

Bibl—1633
Electricity Council. Intelligence Section.
Select list of references on wind power May 1978—June 1979. 1980. 35 refs. Bibliographies B 70b.
Available from: Intelligence Section, Electricity Council, 30 Millbank, London SW1P 4RD.

Bibl—1634
Institution of Electrical Engineers.
Microprocessor applications in electrical engineering: a bibliography (1977—1978). 1980. Approximately 400 refs. £10.00.
Available from: The Library, Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London WC2R 0BL.

Bibl—1635
Institution of Electrical Engineers.
Microprocessor applications in science and medicine: a bibliography (1977—1978). 1979. Approximately 200 refs. £7.50.
Available from: The Library, Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London WC2R 0BL.

Bibl—1636
International Organization for Standardization.
International Standards for steel, cast iron, nickel and related products. 1980. 19 pages. Bibliography 17.
Available from: International Organization for Standardization, Case Postale 56, 1211 Geneve 20, Suisse.

Bibl—1637
Northampton Development Corporation.
Housing design: Parker Morris standards and the housing cost yardstick: recent documentation in the NDC Library, November 1980. 1980. 38 refs.
Available from: Northampton Development Corporation, Cliftonville House, Bedford Road, Northampton NN4 0AY.

Bibl—1638
Office of Population Censuses and Surveys Library.
Population: some general works and statistical sources. 1980. 6 pages.
Available from: Office of Population Censuses and Surveys Library, St Catherines House, 10 Kingsway, London WC2B 6JP.

Bibl—1639
Property Services Agency Library Service.
Energy conservation in building design: an annotated bibliography. 2nd edition. 1980. 469 refs. £6.00.
Available from: Property Services Agency Library Service, 'C' Block, Whitgift Centre, Croydon CR9 3LY.

Bibl—1640
Scottish Health Service Centre Library.
Nursing research. 1980. 97 refs. Library Bibliography No. 49 — Supplement 1.
Available from: Scottish Health Service Centre Library, Crewe Road South, Edinburgh EH4 2LF.

Bibl—1641
Victorian Railways Library.
Cost of operating road transport (selected recent articles). 1980. 83 refs. Literature Search No. 80—04.
Available from: Victorian Railways Library, 67 Spencer Street, Melbourne 3000, Victoria, Australia.

Bibl—1642
Victorian Railways Library.
Thyristors in DMUs and EMUs (update of search No. 78—35) 1980. 135 refs. Literature Search No. 80—01.
Available from: Victorian Railways Library, 67 Spencer Street, Melbourne 3000, Victoria, Australia.

Aslib Electronics Group Newsletter

Please send any items for inclusion in the newsletter to: Chris Bigger, GEC-Marconi Research Laboratories, West Hanningfield Road, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Essex. Tel. (0245) 73331 ext. 382.

1981 Conference

Two further paper summaries are as follows:

VLSI — The silicon printed circuit board
J. Arnold. Plessey Research (Caswell) Ltd.

A most informative review of where the semiconductor industry is going and what the electronic equipment industry needs to do to take advantage of the technology offered.

The technology

The cost of making a connection on a silicon chip is about one hundredth the cost of a connection of a P.C.B. A useful measure of the generation of technology is the minimum feature size. The current status is as follows:

(25 micron = 1 mil = 1 thou = 10^{-3} inch)
Minimum feature size
5 micron — production (present day)
2½ micron — development (production 1983)
1¼ micron — research (production 1986)

The two main semiconductor technologies are known as Bipolar and MOS.

The bipolar transistor is a current amplifier. Bipolar processes tend to be complicated, partly because of the need to place transistors in their own isolated region and partly because of the desirability of buried contacts of heavily doped material to lower the collector resistance. The effect of increased complexity is reduced yield which in practice limits the maximum chip size and hence its complexity.

The most important bipolar logic family is ECL. The reason for its importance is the very high speed capability and its universal adoption by mainframe computer manufacturers. The penalty for speed is power, ECL gate arrays can dissipate several watts each and eliminating the heat can be a problem.

The MOS transistor is a field effect device. N-MOS is the most commonly used form of logic for LSI and will continue in importance although partially displaced by C-MOS which is fast becoming the most important MOS technology. C-MOS memories have recently come to the fore in pocket computers and games because, since it is sufficient when idle to turn off the drive oscillator and leave the power on, the effect is a non-volatile memory.

Plessey, GEC and British Telecom have all taken licences to manufacture the same 5-micron ISO-C-MOS process and have agreement to co-operate on development of a 2½ micron process which will ensure dual sourcing in the UK for some time to come.

Using the technology

Equipment today is manufactured using standard components made very cheaply in very large volume. The vast majority of these parts use small and medium scale integration because to increase complexity is to increase specialisation which reduces volume and hence increases cost. This Catch 22 situation of improving the technology and thus reducing the chance of being able to use it is resolved by semi-custom design. Probably the best known is called Uncommitted Logic Array, (ULA) often called a Gate Array.

The principle of the ULA is that a standard array of components can be laid down on a chip whose specific function is determined by a final interconnection layer(s). So called master slices containing a number of unprogrammed chips can be manufactured in volume, thus keeping costs down. The designer works from a library of precharacterised well proven functional blocks, often called 'macro's'. Ideally the library should be held in graphics computer.

C-MOS is now becoming popular for arrays: one reason is the very simple and flexible structure of the cell.

The alternative technique for semi-custom design is cell-based or symbolic design, and is generally confined to in-house applications. The difference from the gate array is that the library cell, instead of holding the metallisation pattern for a group of cells on a ULA, holds a complete mask set for a fully characterised full custom design for the required cell function. Symbolic design requires a very extensive CAD backup, although design and layout can be largely manual.

The future

For the future we can expect that cells which implement the instruction set of well known microprocessors can be combined with memory and 1/0 devices to give a microcomputer on a single chip tailored to your exact requirements. This certainly should be possible for 8-bit and perhaps 16-bit micros with 1¼ micron technology.

Current projects on information retrieval and library housekeeping at Loughborough University
E. Robinson and S. Fern. Loughborough University.

Mr Robinson outlined the various projects which have been developed by the University Library using the University's main frame computer and the Library's own Prime minicomputer.

The Information Section of the Library, which is responsible for handling online searches, is evaluating the use of the Common Command Language on Euronet and the role of the intermediary in online searching. Use was made of generalised batch search programs to search the Library's files of monograph and periodicals records. An interesting example of this was the Library Information Materials Bank (LIMB) — a database of circa 7,000 records on user education.

The computers were also being used for a variety of housekeeping applications:

1. Production of a microfiche alphabetical subject index to the catalogue.
2. A Periodicals Data System which records the Library's holdings and provides sponsor, publisher, supplier and subject indexes.
3. A printed index to reference books in the Library.
4. Financial control of periodicals; records are kept of the subscription periods and amounts for all titles. Forecasts of spending and the effects of price rises can be made.
5. The production of a microfiche catalogue in three sequences; author, title and classified. Input and editing is online to the Prime minicomputer. The current rate of input is 12,000 new items and 18,000 amendments per annum.
6. A batch issue system using the University's computer; the main problem with this was that it could not cope with the short loan collection, which was still operated by a manual system.

Mr Nunn then described the new issue system which was being developed to replace this. This would be based on a minicomputer in the Library with online access via up to 8 Plessey counter terminals and 4 VDUs. Standby facilities would be provided by a microcomputer. He outlined the capabilities of the system and gave some indication of how individual procedures would be operated in practice.

IEEE Publications

Some members may not be aware of the 'IEEE Technical Activities Guide' (TAG) which started publication in 1980. TAG is published quarterly and contains details of IEEE publications and conferences. Lists of IEEE Sponsored and co-sponsored conferences appear, giving dates and IEEE catalogue numbers where appropriate. A five year generic index lists future conference details, and a listing of recent IEEE technical publications includes IEEE standards, IEEE Press books, Tutorials, Conference Publications and special issues which are published in the Transactions.

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ASIS Annual Meeting

The 44th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Information Science (ASIS) will be held at the Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C., on 25–30 October 1981. A plenary panel on 'Alliances for innovation and productivity in a changing economy: information providers, carriers, and users' will feature the following speakers: Paul G. Zurkowski, President, Information Industry Association, Washington, D.C.; Elizabeth L. Young, President, Public Service Satellite Consortium, Washington, D.C.; David K. Aylward, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, House subcommittee on Telecommunications, Consumer Protection, and Finance, Washington, D.C. and Judith S. Elnicki, Vice President, Public Affairs Satellite TV Corporation, Washington, D.C.

The panel will be a key focus for the general theme of ASIS-81: 'The information community: an alliance for progress'. The ASIS-81 Conference Chairman is Donald W. King of King Research, Inc. For further information on the conference, contact ASIS, 1010 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036; phone 202/659–3644.

LIRG seminar

The Library and Information Research Group will be holding a seminar on 'Library work with young people: the research perspective' on 28 October at the National Childrens Bureau, Wakely Street, London EC1. Aimed at all those interested in the role of libraries in the education and leisure of children and young people the seminar will provide a forum for the review and discussion of practical initiatives and research. The fee is £20.00 and further details and application forms can be obtained from: Lesley Gilder, LIRG Meetings Secretary, CLAIM, Loughborough University, Loughborough, Leics, LE11 3TU. Tel: 0509 63171 ext: 312.

An introduction to information systems

A one-day seminar on 'An introduction to information systems' will be held on Wednesday 16 September at the London School of Economics and Political Science, and is organized by the BCS Information Retrieval and Business Information Systems specialist groups.

The seminar is intended for non-computer people or non-specialists who would like a basic introduction to information systems. Although most information systems will be regarded as computer based, speakers and tutors will not forget manual systems and personal communication. The speakers will be Frank Land, Cynthia Rees and Martin White and their presentations will be followed by discussions and workshops.

Tickets are £12 or £10 for BCS members and further information is available from D. Houghton, BCS Groups Information Seminar, BCS, 13 Mansfield Street, London W1.

An introduction to videotext

This one-day course will be held at NRCd, Bayfordbury on 7 October, 1981, and will discuss the electronic information storage and retrieval systems which have begun to take on many forms, not the least important, nor the least publicised of which are those making use of domestic television receivers. The programme will include a review of the medium, the information provider's view, the information manager's view and a hands-on demonstration of Prestel, Ceefax and Oracle.

Speakers will be drawn from NRCd, Hatfield Polytechnic, Fintel and Aslib, and the fee for the one-day course, including coffee, lunch and tea is £45.00 (£38.50 for NRCd subscribers). Further details from: The Secretary, NRCd, Hatfield Polytechnic, Bayfordbury, Hertford SG13 8LD.

Construction Industry Information Group

The value or otherwise of the various commercial information services and publications available to office libraries — library services, packaged information and data bases — was the subject of the most recent meeting of the Construction Industry Information Group (CIIG). Representatives of some of the information providers were present at the discussion and there was a useful exchange of information, experience and criticism.

Recent activities have been concerned with developments in information and external sources and the day-to-day running of office libraries. Visits have been arranged to the Department of Energy, the DOE and RTPI libraries, the Architectural Press, the CCA and BSI's Technical Help to Exporters. Membership of CIIG is open to any individual or organization interested in information in the construction industry — librarians, architects, engineers, publishers etc. Further details can be obtained from the secretary, c/o PSA Library, Room C110, Whitgift Centre, Croydon, Surrey (01-686 8710, ext. 4373).

NOTES

London Classification of Business Studies

The London Business School are starting to revise the *Directory of Users,* which was last issued in June 1977 (Liverpool Polytechnic, Department of Library and Information Studies, Occasional Paper 7). This list was compiled by Ken Bakewell and David Cotton while they were preparing the second edition of LCBS which was published by Aslib in 1979. The list currently contains the names of about 75 libraries which use the LCBS in whole or in part, but there are probably many more.

The continuing development of the classification depends on the users and their needs and the Directory is seen as a means of keeping users in touch with one another. Everybody who uses the LCBS as a classification, thesaurus, subject or term list is asked to write to the address below describing how they use it. It does not matter if you only use a part of it, or arrange files by it or use it as an aid to other documentation work, they would still like to hear from you.

This is the first step towards organizing future development work on the LCBS. Please write to: The Librarian (Cataloguing), London Business School, Sussex Place, London NW1 4SA.

Simulation of online bibliographical searching

The British Library Research and Development Department has awarded the College of Librarianship Wales a grant of over £17,000 to create a teaching package which will prepare students for online bibliographical searching. The project director is Andy Large, and the research assistant is Chris Armstrong. The completed package will enable students to progress from simple question and answer problems (using computer-assisted learning techniques) to full searching on a simulated system. All the techniques can be experienced without the expense of online connect time.

The final package will be made available to other library schools as well as libraries, and portable BASIC programmes will be developed on a Research Machines 380z microcomputer. For further information contact: Andy Large or Chris Armstrong at Liaison and Training Services, College of Librarianship Wales, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Dyfed SY23 3AS.

Review of UDC

Every so often all organizations need to review their procedures to see if they are still the best people in current circumstances or whether improvements are possible. The FID Council, the Central Classification Committee (FID/CCC), and other members of the UDC circle are in joint agreement that current circumstances are such that it is timely to examine the procedures for maintaining the UDC so that it shall continue to be the principal international classification for documentation. Such a study would look at the way in

which proposals for revisions are generated, the way in which they are processed by the various committees, the maintenance of central records and so on. It would not review the structure of the UDC itself nor the principles on which classification is carried out; it is concerned with management and administration only, not with the technical aspects of classification construction.

To carry out the study, FID wishes to engage the services of a consultant or consultants. Consultants who wish to be given an opportunity to tender for the work should write to the Secretary General at FID Headquarters. It is anticipated that suitable consultants will have experience of documentation systems, both manual and computerised, and sound appreciation of classification as well as of administrative procedures in international organizations. For further information Federation Internationale de Documentation (FID), P.O. Box 30115, 2500 9C, The Hague, The Netherlands.

Online Information Centre Annual Report

The second Annual Report of the Online Information Centre has recently been published and it shows that over 1900 enquiries were answered between March 1980 and February 1981. The report analyses these enquiries and indicates that by far the largest percentage (39%) came from industrial and commercial organizations. Enquiries are accepted from anyone within the UK requiring information about any aspect of the use of external, publicly available databases and databanks.

Enquiries come from experienced online users and from those wishing to learn about online for the first time. These potential online users need to find out first of all whether there are any databases relevant to their interests, the costs involved, particularly any initial financial commitments, how to obtain passwords, and the equipment and training needed.

The Centre is independent of any online service and can provide impartial advice on the advantages and disadvantages of online searching. Recent publications include a list of terminals[1] and a directory of intermediary/broker services[2]. The Centre's newsletter *Online Notes* currently has 500 subscribers and aims to keep UK online users informed of the new databases and hosts, which are appearing at a bewildering rate, as well as meetings, courses, etc.

The Centre was established in 1979 and the current government grant enables it to continue until February 1982. The enquiry service is normally free, but charges have recently been introduced for the newsletter and other publications. For a free copy of the Second Annual Report and further details of the Centre's services, contact the Online Information Centre, 3 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PL. Tel: 01-235 1732.

1. *Selecting a Terminal for Online Information Retrieval.* London: Online Information Centre, January 1981, 20p. £2.50 (payable to Aslib).
2. DEUNETTE, J. B. *UK Online Search Services.* London: Aslib, February 1981. 88p. £9.50 UK, £12.00 overseas.

BIOSIS microforms

BIOSIS microforms are now available for purchase and no longer subject to a lease/licence agreement. Copyright conditions still apply.

The main microform products are *Biological Abstracts* and its five-year Cumulative Indexes. Typically the Cumulative Index 1975–1979 in microfiche costs only £490 (+ VAT) and can be supplied from UK stock. For further information contact: Thompson, Henry Limited, London Road, Sunningdale, Berks. SL5 0EP. Tel: (0990) 24615.

Repository planning

The International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) has placed a contract with Capital Planning Information (CPI) for a comparative and evaluative study of storage libraries and repositories for older, low demand literature. The project is part of IFLA's Universal Availability of Publications (UAP) programme.

The aims of the study are:

(1) to identify which countries (and libraries within them) are concerned with storage library or respository planning;
(2) to discover what is currently happening in this sector and to find out what is planned;
(3) to ascertain how effective established systems are proving to be;
(4) to establish the relationship of acquisition policies and interlending systems, where they exist, to plans for storage libraries and repositories;
(5) to assess the ways in which international cooperation might assist in national repository planning.

This project is being financed by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft of the Federal German Republic and a final report will be submitted to the IFLA International Office for UAP at Boston Spa. Further information is available from: Don Kennington, CPI Limited, 2 Birling Road, Tunbridge Wells TN2 5LX, England. Tel: 0892-32906.

Online reference books

R. R. Bowker Company, a Xerox Publishing Company, has put three of its most-used reference books online for computer search. Subscribers to the new Bowker Information Service will have fast, accurate access by computer terminal to the databases of *Books in print, Ulrich's international periodicals directory,* and *American men and women of science.*

Timeliness is a particular advantage of the new system, especially in regard to the *Books in print* database. Monthly updating of the database assures more current information than any bound book can provide. And computer-stored data are less subject than books to loss or mutilation. The databases will be accessible via the Bibliographic Retrieval Service's online search system, utilizing the TELENET or TYMNET communications network.

For further information contact: Terri Mitchem, R. R. Bowker Company, 1180 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036. Tel: (212) 764 5233.

PUBLICATIONS

House of Commons Background Papers

Further to our announcement in *Aslib Information* July/August 1981, we have received copies of the following Background Papers prepared by the House of Commons Library Research Division. Photocopies of these Background Papers can be supplied by Aslib at the prices indicated. Orders should be addressed to the Head of the Information Division at Aslib. All orders must be **PRE-PAID.**

BP–10
House of Commons Library Research Division.
The finances of the monarchy. 1980. 26 pages. Background Paper No. 79. £2.90.

BP–11
House of Commons Library Research Division.
The rating system. 1980. 22 pages. Background Paper No. 80. £2.50.

BP–12
House of Commons Library Research Division.
Whaling. 1980. 41 pages. Background Paper No. 81. £4.60.

Europe's 5000 largest companies 1980. London: Dun and Bradstreet, 1980. ISBN 82 7018 078 5. (*The 1981 edition will be available shortly, price £45, with a special price of £40 for Aslib members*).

Dun and Bradstreet's products should need no introduction, however there may be those new to the business information field that have not seen and used some of their excellent publications. One good example of its products has recently been reissued, *Europe's 5000 Largest Companies 1980.* The directory which is a compilation of input from the offices of Dun & Bradstreet International throughout Europe contains tables giving the ranking of organisations in the following categories:

(i) 5000 industrials
(ii) 500 industrials by profit
(iii) 250 most profitable industrials
(iv) money losers
(v) industrials by activity group
(vi) industrials by country
(vii) 1000 trading companies
(viii) 150 transport companies
(ix) 150 banks
(x) 50 insurance companies
(xi) 50 advertising agencies
(xii) 50 hotels and restaurants.

The introduction includes details of the criteria on which the ranking is based for each list, and the listings are followed by a list of names of companies referred to, together with their addresses. Each list contains basic financial information about each company including sales, profits, assets, exports and number of employees.

The executive grapevine edited by Robert B. Baird. London: Executive Grapevine Publications, 1980. UK £25.00, Overseas £30.00. ISBN 0 9507290 0 0.

This directory was produced as a result of a plea from the *Financial Times* in March 1980, that someone should produce a directory of recruitment consultants. The timeliness of this publication is obvious and it will prove a useful addition to library stocks for organizations contemplating using recruitment consultants in the selection of their senior personnel.

In addition to the 176 consultancies listed, the book contains information on the recruitment market generally, preparation of a curriculum vitae and on the techniques and ways of analysis of consultancies. There are also detailed indexes by location, function, industry and salary range.

Information given about each consultancy (which are listed alphabetically) includes full name and address, names of directors, functions and industries covered, salary ranges and fees. The sections on fees provide for most consultancies a detailed breakdown on how the charging is arranged and made and the fees vary considerably from consultancy to consultancy.

It would be a good thing if every request for a directory to fill a gap was as well researched and produced as this. A copy of this publication is available for reference in the Information Services Department at Aslib.

Micrographics Yearbook 1981. Guildford: G. G. Baker, 1981. 176p. ISBN 0 906635 02 0. £7.50.

This is the first edition of a reference work, which the publishers hope to publish annually. It will be of value to anyone involved with micrographics. One chapter is devoted to the various forms of microforms available in the United Kingdom, and discusses the merits of each in turn, while the following chapter discusses their production. Clear drawings of the equipment support the text. Reading and printing equipment are outlined in a separate chapter. Automated retrieval systems are also discussed. The fifth chapter covers recent developments, and discusses how to avoid operator fatigue, and standards. Commercial developments in the United Kingdom, and micrographics associations are also outlined. The chapter on micrographic services is divided into two sections: the first listing companies that supply services in the United Kingdom, arranged in alphabetical order and providing details of their addresses, telephone number, customer contact and an indication of equipment and special expertise; the second in geographical sequence to enable customers to trace a local company. Main cities are listed separately, while the rest of the companies are listed by county. Equipment and material are covered in the seventh chapter which includes a directory of micrographic consumables suppliers. United Kingdom micropublishers and agents are listed in the eighth chapter, while British Standards and American standards are listed in the following chapter. Chapter ten lists micrographic publications, subdivided by publisher. The penultimate chapter lists micrographic organizations, both in the United Kingdom and overseas. The volume concludes with a list of future events for the year.

Classification/thesaurus for sport and physical recreation (and allied topics): development edition, compiled by Carole E. Wilmot. London: Sports Council, 1981. ISBN 906577 16 0.

Prepared for the Information Centre of the Sports Council by Alan Gilchrist and Partners, this development edition was tested in the Centre during 1980 and is now being applied in a precoordinate system. The structured thesaurus was constructed by a process of classification based on facet analysis *ie* the concepts of the subject area were analysed according to their fundamental characteristics and then grouped according to contextual characteristics. The classification is divided into five main categories: (1) leisure facilities and the physical environment: (2) leisure and society; (3) properties, attributes and processes; (4) applied disciplines and techniques; (5) organizations. A lengthy introduction explaining the background, principles, scope and arrangement of the scheme is followed by a synopsis of the schedules, the actual schedules and the thesaurus.

The placing of the main heading for the schedules before the synopsis of schedules is extremely confusing, particularly on the contents page.

Databases in the humanities and social sciences. Edited by Joseph Raben and Gregory Marks. Oxford: North Holland, 1980. 329p. ISBN 0 4444 854991 1. DFl 100.

The volume consists of paper presented at the IFIP working conference on databases in humanities and social sciences, held at Dartmouth College, Hanover from 23–24 August 1979.

The fifty eight papers in the work provide an excellent overview of current activity with databases. The foreword states 'each presentation is impressive on its own, but looking at the total assembly of materials makes clear the enormous range of data which are currently being utilized and emphasizes the skill and energy that is being applied in these efforts'. The primary disciplines discussed in the papers range from linguistics to economics.

The Public Lending Right handbook. R. J. B. Morris, Chichester: Barry Rose, 1980. 53p. ISBN 0 85992 193 X. £4.50.

The foreword to the handbook was written by Norman St. John Stevas in his capacity as Minister for the Arts. The purpose of this work, as the author states in his introduction, is to show briefly how the Public Lending Act 1979 came to be passed, and what have been the main steps in the campaign fought to establish its underlying principle.

The text of the handbook begins with an overview of the Public Lending Right campaign in Britain. Public Lending Right or related schemes in European and Australasian countries are discussed in the following section. The progress of the Public Lending Right Bill is analysed from its introduction in the 1978–1979 session of parliament to its third reading in the House of Lords on March 6, 1979. References to relevant sections of Hansard are provided throughout the section. The author also indicates the financial and public service manpower effects. Both the texts of the 1979 Act and the Public Lending Right Consultative document published by the Office of Arts and Libraries in December 1979 are reproduced in full. The

author concludes this informative document with a selective chronological bibliography on the subject.

Signs and guiding for libraries by Linda Reynolds and Stephen Barrett. London: Bingley, 1981. 158p. ISBN 0 85157 312 6. £13.75.

In the first chapter the authors consider both the content and location of signs, and provide suggestions for assessing signing needs. They consider the basic principles of sign design, including lettering, arrows, colour, layout and location of signs in the following chapter. Chapter 3 reviews materials and methods used for in-house sign production, and professional sign manufacture is also discussed. Suggestions for fixing methods for in-house signs are also provided. The authors illustrate in the following chapter how the basic design principles discussed in the second chapter can be put into practice. Recommendations are given for lettering and panel layout, and the text is illustrated with a series of photographs. Basic equipment and materials necessary for in-house production of signs are outlined in the fifth chapter, and advice is also given on the preparation of specifications and artwork for professional sign manufacturers. The penultimate chapter deals with publications and stationery, production methods and design principles and artwork are also discussed. In the final chapter, the authors outline the managerial aspects of a signing project, and discuss the preparation of a sign manual, evaluating the completed project and employment of a professional designer. The appendices list manufacturers of materials and equipment for in-house sign production and volumes for further reading. Throughout the volume, the text is well illustrated with black and white photographs and figures.

Online Information, 4th International meeting, London 9–11 December 1980. Oxford: Learned Information, (1980). 527p. ISBN 0 904933 28 8. £25.

The volume comprises the papers presented at the fourth annual meeting on online information, which is organized by *Online Review*. The increase in the number of papers presented is a good indication of both the increased interest, and widening spheres of online information. The papers, which number over 60, provide an excellent overview of online, and cover many specific subjects within the broad areas of databases, computers, viewdata, online services, word processing, computer communications, cooperative systems and networks and computer information systems.

Parliament and information: the Westminster scene: Dermot Englefield. London: the Library Association, 1981, 132p. ISBN 0 85365 570 7. £7.50.

This book deals with two aspects of information services in Parliament. The first section covers the information services given to the members of both Houses by the library; the second section covers information services given to these outside parliament. The division of the book reflects this.

Part one gives a short description of the House of Commons. Once the background has been filled in, Dermot Englefield describes the work of the House of Commons library. The same pattern is repeated for the House of Lords. The third section covers topics which are common to both Houses including statutes, Parliamentary Records, European community affairs and the work of select committees.

Part two deals with methods of obtaining information Office and also the House of Lord's Information Office and Record Office. The last topic in this section is media coverage of Parliament.

Mr Englefield, who has worked at the House of Commons for twenty-five years, rounds off his book with a series of appendices designed to be of use to reference librarians. They include such information as a list of Parliamentary papers and publications prepared at the Houses of Parliament.

Current issues and trends in education and training for information work in developing and developed countries: papers presented at the FID Education and Training Committee workshop, Copenhagen 13–15 August 1980. The Hague: FID, 1981, 193p. (FID publication 595) ISBN 92 66 00595 9. Dfl. 62.50.

This new FID publication contains the papers presented at the FID Education and Training Committee Workshop held in Copenhagen last year. It was a three day workshop which divided into six sessions.

All the sessions followed the main theme of education and training for information work. The first session concentrated on information work and users in social sciences. The second session covered the field of environment. The focus in the third session shifted to the services in science and technology in the developing countries. Sessions four and five were concerned with specialized information centres in Scandinavia. The sixth session was open and general contributions were invited.

In all, the transcripts of twenty seven papers are included in this book.

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Tools for information handling including catalogues, classification schemes and indexes are discussed in the second chapter. The third chapter is entitled 'defining information needs', while the following chapter discusses choosing the best methods for meeting defined information needs. Vocabularies for indexing, including hints for compiling a thesaurus are discussed in the fifth chapter. Equipment for manual systems is outlined, and the text is illustrated with examples of suitable cards. Microforms and word processing are also included. The seventh chapter, written by Charles Pettit, discusses the management of computerized systems, including setting up a system, hardware, software packages, input, security and output. At the end of the chapter a glossary is provided, which also gives references to relevant pages within the chapter. The following chapter deals with staffing and discusses ways in which staff can use their time and skills to make a system work effectively. Case studies of both manual and mechanized systems are given in the final chapter to illustrate how museums have dealt with problems.

The bibliography supplements the numerous references quoted in the text. Also included at the end of the volume is a list of suppliers of software packages referred to in the text.

PEOPLE

SLA election results

Janet Rigney, librarian, Council on Foreign Relations Library, New York City, has been elected President-Elect of Special Libraries Association for 1981/82. The results of the mail ballot were announced at the opening of SLA's 72nd Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Ms Rigney assumed her position as President-Elect at the Annual Business Meeting of the Association on 17 June and will automatically succeed to the office of President in June 1982.

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An Irish company, Photo Advertising, has invested £100,000 in an experimental videotext service, Photo Advertising Television Retrieval of Information by Computer, or PATRIC for short, *Irish Library News,* May 1981, p. 1.

There is no sign, except for occasional manifestations such as LOAF, the Code of Ethics (misdirected though that is) and local initiatives of one sort or another, that the profession is able to adjust to the pressures now facing it on a basis of unity. Tinker as we will, we shall always be forced to react against, rather than to control, the professional environment within which we must live. *New Library World,* July 1981, p. 120.

Courses

INTRODUCTION TO LIBRARY AUTOMATION

a course for special librarians and information officers

8–9 October 1981

at Aslib Headquarters

This course is intended for information or special library personnel who wish to obtain a general understanding of the ways in which mechanisation can be applied to library routines and information retrieval. It is not intended, however, to equip students to embark on specific applications.

Fee: £55 (£40 to members of Aslib). This fee includes all papers, materials relating to the course, as well as morning coffee and afternoon tea, but *not* lunches.

Bookings: Places are limited to 30. Members are advised to make provisional bookings by telephone as soon as possible.

PROGRAMME:

Day I

Session 1: *The Computer*
(1) How the computer works and
(2) Principles of programming.

Session 2: *Systems Analysis.*

Session 3: *Organization of Data.*

Day II

Session 4: *Automated Library Systems*:
The modes of use; co-operatives and library networks; hardware and software considerations; systems design, the integrated approach; housekeeping operations; implementation of automated systems; special equipment; developments.

Cancellations: If a booking is cancelled earlier than a week before the beginning of the course, the fee will be refunded less a deduction of £15 to cover Aslib's expenses. No refund will be made for later cancellations.

CURRENT AWARENESS SERVICES AND TECHNICAL CHANGE

a course on the Dissemination of Information

14–15 October 1981
at Aslib Headquarters and County Hall

Aims and objectives: Recent developments in data processing and the equipment available have made this an area in which there are likely to be considerable changes in traditional practices. The availability of microprocessors and word processors, and progress towards the idea of the paperless office point towards a future in which bulletins and SDI services as we have known them will cease to exist. But the needs which these services are intended to meet will still have to be catered for, and information officers and librarians will want to know how best to use the new technology in order to supply the information needed by their users.

This course will give information officers and librarians an appreciation of the ways in which the new technology can be exploited to meet the needs of their users for the timely dissemination of information.

The course is intended for people in managerial positions in information departments or libraries, and its aim is to give them an appreciation of the possible effects of the availability of new technology on the provision of services for the dissemination of information.

Fee: £80 (£65 to members of Aslib). This includes morning coffee and afternoon tea each day, and buffet lunch on first day.

PROGRAMME:

Wednesday 14 October at Aslib Headquarters
Total information systems and the future
Open discussion
An introduction to the new technology
The small information unit
Internally versus externally created dissemination tools

Thursday 15 October at GLC Research Library
County Hall, London SE1 7PB
Evaluation of systems
Organization of current-awareness services
Final discussion

Bookings: Places are limited to 25. Members are advised to make provisional bookings by telephone as soon as possible.

Cancellations: If a booking is cancelled earlier than a week before the beginning of the course, the fee will be refunded, less a deduction of £15.00 to cover Aslib's expenses.

No refund will be made for later cancellations.

WORD PROCESSORS IN THE LIBRARY

in conjunction with the National Reprographic Centre for Documentation.

19 October 1981
at the National Reprographic Centre for Documentation, Bayfordbury, nr. Hertford.

A brief introduction to this new technology and a consideration of some of the ways it is being used by members of the information community.

Since the installation of its WANG WPS 25/II in June, 1979, NRCd has been studying the potential value of word processing systems to workers in information providing environments.

In addition to conventional applications — that is to say text generation, editing and production — the unit has studied peripheral tasks; for instance, the links with typography, microfilm and computers, with selective information retrieval from small, in-house databases and the interrogation of larger, external stores of information. This course is designed as a brief introduction to the way these machines work, the ways in which they are developing and the ways in which they are being put to use by members of the library community.

Fee: £65 (£50 to members of Aslib and NRCd). This includes lunch at Bayfordbury.

PROGRAMME:

Session 1 Introduces the course and traces the development of word processing to the present day

Session 2 Reviews the present generation of equipment

Session 3 Considers ways in which machines are being used in library environments

Session 4 Describes library applications being studied by NRCd

Session 5 Demonstrates NRCd's machine — the WANG WPS 25/II.

Bookings: Places are limited to 25. Members are advised to make provisional bookings by telephone as soon as possible.

Cancellations: If a booking is cancelled earlier than a week before the beginning of the course, the fee will be refunded less a deduction of £15.00 to cover Aslib's expenses.

No refund will be made for later cancellations.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS

a course arranged in conjunction with the Social Sciences Group

3–4 November 1981

at Aslib Headquarters

Aims and Objectives: This course is intended for librarians and information officers who have had some experience of work with official publications, and wish to learn more about them, with a view to improving their service to readers and research workers. It will be concerned with all official publications issued by central government in the United Kingdom, both current and past, those issued by HMSO and Departments, but not local government publications. It will aim to increase understanding of the nature of official publications by showing how they relate to the processes of government and how this affects their use. Practical work on problems involved in the use of official publications will be included.

Fee: £80 (£65 to members of Aslib)

Bookings: Places are limited to 20. Bookings open when this notice is published. Members are advised to make provisional bookings by telephone as soon as possible after receiving this notice.

DAY I

Lecture 1 The background to official publications (UK)

How the processes of governing the country are expressed in the terms of the documents.

Lecture 2 How to find out about and obtain official publications (UK)

Publications issued by HMSO, priced publications issued by departments, guides to official publications.

Lecture 3 The use of official publications

The main collections of official publications for reference and loan.

Lecture 4 Bibliographical control of official publications

Classification and indexing of official publications, local indexes versus the official indexes.

Briefing on exercise.

DAY II

Practical exercise in libraries.

Lecture 5 The publishing activities of HMSO

Inquest on the exercise.

General discussion of the course.

Cancellations: If a booking is cancelled earlier than a week before the beginning of the course, the fee will be refunded, less a deduction of £15 to cover Aslib's expenses. No refund will be made for later cancellations.

Courses

MICROFORMS IN LIBRARIES

an appreciation course

in conjunction with the National Reprographic Centre for Documentation

Microforms of different kinds have been of interest to librarians and information officers since they were first introduced. They offer advantages in space saving, dissemination, in obtaining copies of otherwise unobtainable publications, and in various other ways, but they also present problems: in acceptance by users, and in keeping up with the constantly changing technology. Recent developments both in the technology and in the systems approach have made possible new and more powerful applications. This course is designed specifically for librarians and information officers who want to understand more about the possible applications of microforms to their work and their limitations. Lectures will be given by NRCd staff who are engaged on research into the evaluation of equipment and processes. A wide variety of equipment will be demonstrated.

16 November 1981

at the National Reprographic Centre for Documentation, Bayfordbury, nr. Hertford.

Fee: £65 (£48 to members of Aslib & NRCd).

This includes lunch at Bayfordbury.

PROGRAMME:

09.30 hrs	Course introduction
09.35 hrs	Micropublishing as an information medium I by B. J. S. Williams
10.15 hrs	Break for coffee
10.30 hrs	Micropublishing as an information medium II by B. J. S. Williams
11.30 hrs	Demonstrations of equipment (cameras, processors, duplicators, etc.) by R. N. Broadhurst
12.30 hrs	Break for lunch
14.00 hrs	COM in the library
15.00 hrs	Break for tea
15.15 hrs	Equipment quality and performance (readers) by R. N. Broadhurst
16.30 hrs	Course ends.

Cancellations: If a booking is cancelled earlier than a week before the beginning of the course, the fee will be refunded, less a deduction of £15 to cover Aslib's expenses. No refund will be made for later cancellations.

COPYRIGHT AND INFORMATION

a short course given by L. J. Taylor, with guest lecturer Maureen Duffy

19–20 November 1981
at Aslib Headquarters

This course has two focal points – interpretation of the existing copyright law and a look ahead to possible changes. The 1956 Act was never easy to understand, and fresh difficulties have arisen with the emergence of new technology for producing copyright works and exploiting them. There has been hardly any case law in the areas of particular interest to the information profession, so the interpretations offered have to be based on what the layman sees as reasonable.

In this country the Whitford Committee's Report and recommendations, together with reactions to them, are looked at in some detail, and the international scene is brought in, as it may influence what Britain eventually decides. The whole outlook for the protection and use of copyright works in the light of modern technical progress is discussed in the final sessions.

This is a course for middle management, for those who have to make practical decisions in library and information units about the legality of various uses of works, and who will have to advise their administrations about proposals and changes in the law, when the time comes.

Fee: £60 (£50 to members of Aslib) This includes tea and coffee, but *not* lunches.

PROGRAMME:

Thursday, 19 November 1981
The law as it stands today

Session 1	The nature and development of copyright
Session 2	Print and the law
Session 3	The law and non-print
Session 4	The international scene

Friday, 20 November 1981
Proposals and prospects for change

Session 5	The Whitford Report
Session 6	Licences and journals by Maureen Duffy
Session 7	The wider view
Session 8	Discussion

Bookings: Places are limited to 25. Members are advised to make provisional bookings as soon as possible.

Cancellations: If a booking is cancelled earlier than a week before the beginning of the course, the fee will be refunded, less a deduction of £15.00 to cover Aslib's expenses.

No refund will be made for later cancellations.

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Practical Experience of Machine Translation: A Conference

5–6 November 1981
Kensington Hilton Hotel
London W11

The theme of this conference is machine translation (MT) in practice rather than theory. With 15 to 20 MT systems in use around the world, translation by computer is now a reality and a distinguished cast of speakers (including Benoît Thouin, Montreal; Michael Hundt, MITEL Corp, Ottawa; Richard Ruffino, Xerox, New York; Francesco Rossi, Rank Xerox, Milan) will try to answer the questions: How good is it? What are its limitations? What is it like to work with?

There will be 4 main sessions. *Translation in transition* sets the scene, first by discussing MT and people (Veronica Lawson), text types and ways to assess translation (Professor Juan Sager), and the evolution of MT philosophy, and then by describing the Meteo and Weidner systems and their use. A more searching look at *Aspects of editing* follows, covering the importance of feedback from translators (Ian Pigott, CEC, Luxembourg), psychological factors and ergonomics, and economic aspects. *The posteditors' experience* is a central discussion chaired by J. A. Bachrach (head of CEC translators in Luxembourg) on MT errors, impact of feedback on quality, improving dictionaries and training. Finally, *Speculation: The limits of innovation,* with Professor Yorick Wilks in the chair, will examine Eurotra, the system proposed by the European Commission (Margaret King, Geneva); the pivotal role of MT dictionaries; and the future as seen by Margaret Masterman, the Cambridge pioneer of MT.

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Fee: £90.00 (**£80.00 for members of Aslib and the Translators' Guild**)

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6 Tues 10.30
Social Sciences Information Group Visit: New Hansard Press, 11 Steedman Street, SE17
Contact: Miss Janet Seaton, Home Affairs Section, Research Division, House of Commons Library, SW1A 0AA Tel: 01 219 3636

6 Tues 15.00
Engineering Group Annual General Meeting
Aslib
Contact: R G Rhodes, Pilkington Library, University of Technology, Loughborough, Leics.

7 Wed
Getting the most out of EURONET: a seminar for online users
Imperial College, London SW7
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Leaflet with June and September issues

7 Wed 17.00 for 17.30
Chemical Group Evening Meeting: Chemstor Chemical and Hazard Enquiry Service by P. B. Watson, Whessoe Technical Computing Services
Aslib
Contact: Mrs L. A. Battle, Esso Research Centre, Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX13 6AE
Tel: Abingdon (0235) 45326

8 Thurs 17.30
Economic and Business Information Group Social Evening
Speaker: Dr D. A. Lewis, Director, Aslib
Aslib
Contact. Mrs Tessa Perry, Lloyds Bank Limited, Marketing Dept, Faryners House, 25 Monument Street, London EC3R 8BQ. Tel: 01 626 1500 ext 3252

8/9 Thurs/Fri
Aslib Course: Introduction to Library Automation
Aslib
Fee: £55; Aslib members £40
Details and application form in July/August issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

14 Wed 10.30
Electronics Group Visit: Philips Research Laboratories, Horley, nr Redhill, Surrey
Contact: Mr C. W. Clarke, Technical Library. Electrical Quality Directorate, Golf Road, Bromley, Kent. Tel: 01 467 2600 ext 481.

14/15 Wed/Thur
Aslib course: Current Awareness Services and Technical Change
Aslib and County Hall
Fee: £80 Aslib members £65
Details and application form in July/August issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

16 Fri
Technical Translation Group Visit: BBC Monitoring Unit, Caversham
Contact: Mrs E. Coke, Electricity Council, Overseas Relations Branch, 30 Millbank, London SW1P 4RD
Tel: 01 834 2333 ext 6229

19 Mon
Aslib Course: Word processors in libraries
NRCd, Hertford
Fee: £65; Aslib & NRCd members £50
Details and application form in July/August issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

20 Tues
Informatics/Computer Groups Information Retrieval Fair
Imperial College, London SW7
Contact: J. C. McLelland, BSI (THE), Maylands Avenue, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP2 4SQ
Leaflet with September issue

21 Wed 17.00 for 17.30
Aslib Evening Meeting on Facsimile, teletext and electronic mail
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
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26/30 Mon/Fri
Aslib Course: Senior Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
Aslib
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Details and application form in June issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*29 Thurs 14.15
Audiovisual Group Visit: Kodak Museum Headstone Drive, Harrow, Middx.
Contact: Mrs Barbara Smith, London College of Fashion, 20 John Princes Street, London W1. Tel: 01 629 9401

NOVEMBER

2 Mon 15.30
Informatics Group Afternoon Meeting
Aslib
Contact: J. C. McLelland, BSI (THE), Maylands Avenue, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP2 4SQ, Tel: 0442 3111
Details later

3/4 Tues/Wed
Aslib Course: Official Publications
Aslib
Fee: £80 Aslib member £65
Details and application form in July/August issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

4 Wed 17.00 for 17.30
Chemical Group Evening Meeting: Some United Nations activities in the field of chemical and related environmental information, by Mrs J. A. Deschamps, DOE Library
Aslib
Contact: Mrs L. A. Battle, Esso Research Centre, Abingdon, Oxon. Tel: 0235 45326

5/6 Thurs/Fri
Aslib/Translator's Guild of the Institute of Linguists Conference: Practical Experience of Machine Translation
Kensington Hilton Hotel, Holland Park Avenue, London W11
Contact: The Conference Organizer, Aslib
Programme and registration form with July/August and September issues

*5/6 Thurs/Fri
Aslib Course: Inter-library Loans: how to succeed
Aslib
Fee: £75; Aslib members only
Leaflet with September issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

10 Tues All Day
Audiovisual Group Introductory Course in Audiovisual Librarianship
Aslib
Contact: Peter Liebscher, Open University Library, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, Bucks, Tel: 0908 653530

12 Thurs 10.00
Social Sciences Information Group/ Transport & Planning Group/RSIS of LA
One-day meeting on Local Government Information
The Library Association, 7 Ridgmount Street, London WC1
Contact: Mrs M. Windsor, c/o The Volunteer Centre, 29 Lower King's Road, Berkhamsted, Herts HP4 2AB
Tel. Berkhamsted (044 27) 73311

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The New Director of Aslib

An interview with Dr Dennis Lewis, the new Director of Aslib, who took up the top job on 1 October 1981 — his 53rd birthday

Q *Although you have been connected with Aslib activities for some years, the post of Director of Aslib represents a certain change of direction in your work. What do you see as the main challenge of the post?*

A Having completed my 25 years' 'apprenticeship' with ICI, I have now emerged into the big, wide world, and hope to bring my experience to bear in taking Aslib forward into the 1980s.

In fact, there is a whole series of challenges in the job that I have taken on, but in very general terms, I would answer in the following way. I consider myself to have been brought in to manage a process of change.

Therefore, the challenge is to change Aslib in such a way as to have it accurately reflect and satisfy the changing requirements of its members at a time when rapid technological and social changes are occurring outside. In this I must carry the membership *and* staff with me, for without their commitment and support no meaningful change will be achieved.

Q *What do you see as the role of Aslib in the information world?*

A Aslib has always exerted a beneficial influence on the information world. At a time when we stand on the threshold of the 'information society' the experience, expertise and influence of Aslib must be brought to bear in support of those who are making decisions which will affect us all. No longer are we talking about the narrow confines of the library and information profession. We must now be concerned much more with the full impact of the application of information technology on all of us in our everyday lives.

But we cannot and must not attempt to do what we do in isolation. I am determined that we shall work in close cooperation, or better, *collaboration* with a whole range of other bodies. I welcome the initiatives that have drawn Aslib, the Library Association, the Institute of Information Scientists, SCONUL and the Society of Archivists more closely together in the Joint Consultative Committee. I see it as essential that we work together — not necessarily with a view to amalgamation, but certainly in order to make maximum use of of our highly strained resources. I shall be looking for ways in which we can *actively* collaborate so as to reduce costs, improve communication, and increase our effectiveness and influence.

Q *In the present economic climate, organizations such as Aslib are going through a difficult period. What plans do you have for securing the future of Aslib?*

A I have many ideas, but I have no plans at the present time — remember, I have been Director-Designate for only 3 months — and that on a part-time basis! Of course, I intend to formulate plans, but only after consultation with very many people — Council members and staff within Aslib and also individuals and organizations outside of Aslib.

One thing is for sure — any plans for securing the future of Aslib must take into consideration the following — and more!

* We must satisfy the reasonable needs of our members.
* We must have a high calibre of staff.
* We must broaden our base of activity.
* We must lead, not follow, in the development of the new, expanded information profession — whatever that is!
* We must develop and use our influence in 'the corridors of power' — at all levels and wherever they are — Westminster, Brussels, New York, Geneva.
* We must thereby make membership of Aslib a 'must' for everyone who is in any way concerned with the information revolution.

Dr Dennis Lewis, Director of Aslib

However, in the final analysis it comes down to *money*. Our present financial position is difficult but by no means hopeless. By introducing stringent financial controls, cutting out waste and inefficiency, and by increasing our income from all sources, I am confident that we shall come through, build up our reserves and thereby be in a position to launch Aslib into the 1980s.

All this will take time. It is unreasonable to expect that changes such as those I have outlined can be brought about overnight. I would ask our members — as I have pointed out to our staff — to be patient. Rome wasn't built in a day, and Aslib won't emerge in its new guise in less than a couple of years.

Q *Aslib is above all a membership organization. Would you like the membership to be more involved in Aslib activities? What initiatives would you like to see taken?*

A Fundamentally Aslib exists to provide services for its members — without them, it is nothing. Therefore I welcome any move which involves the membership, on as broad a base as possible, more closely with the organization.

The Groups and Branches of Aslib are strengths which are as yet largely untapped. In them we have 'ambassadors' throughout the UK and through them, therefore, I would hope that the word gets around, and new members may

be recruited in greater numbers. Incidentally — is there any reason why we should not have agencies in Europe and in other countries?

Greater involvement must not mean more committees, more working parties, more bureaucracy. I shall be working to reduce their numbers!

However, I would welcome greater involvement in one essential area — *innovation*. I want to create an environment in which new ideas, constructive criticisms and suggestions flow quite naturally from the body of the membership as well as by way of the committee structure.

Heather Taylor, Editor of Aslib Information

Q *It has been suggested that the benefits of Aslib membership are not sufficiently promoted. Do you propose a more aggressive marketing stance for the organization?*

A In my opinion Aslib should be a European-based international organization, run on proper business lines, operating in the knowledge industry. As such, it is essential, since we have prime products and services to sell, that we are aggressively marketed and professionally so.

It will certainly be my intention to obtain high quality human and other resources necessary to do the job.

Q *Do you propose to implement any changes in the structure of Aslib and its membership, for example, Group and Branch activities?*

A I see the need for some restructuring of the HQ staff in Belgrave Square. In particular I want to develop a 'management team' approach, and this will involve some fairly fundamental changes, both in function and responsibility.

So far as the Group and Branch activities are concerned, these are vitally important to us and if we are to have a healthy viable organization then we need more and better Groups, more and better Branches. Above all, we need excellent communication with each and between each and every one of them. Only in that way will they feel themselves to be an intrinsic part of the organization.

I welcome the initiative of the Group Officers, who have set themselves the task of looking at the shape of the Groups in the Aslib of the future.

Q *Finally, would you like to comment on any future benefits and services which you would like to see Aslib offer its members?*

A I believe that at present, Aslib offers it members (and, incidentally, for a higher charge non-members) a reasonable range of good, professional services. However, there must be gaps, and there may well be duplication with other organizations. The latter must be eliminated, but the former offer opportunities for development and exploitation.

At a time of rapid — even breathtaking — technological change, set in an environment of crisis and financial constraint, I believe that the main need that organizations and individuals have in our society is for:

* *Information*. Not masses of it, but of very high quality.

and even more important:

* *Advice*.

There is a bewildering array of systems, networks, hardware, software, etc. etc. etc., and the crying need as I see it is for somebody who has the credibility and the resources, to offer advice on what to choose, how to choose, when to choose and above all — how to get value for money. I think that the provision of excellent advisory and information services, i.e. consultancy in the full sense of the word, offers us at Aslib a tremendous opportunity — *if* and only if we can obtain and deploy the necessary resources for the job.

In order to improve our internal efficiency and to gain experience which could be of value to our members we badly need to expand and update our computerised systems in Aslib HQ. It seems remarkable to me that here we are, situated at the 'sharp end' of the information game and we haven't a single word processor at 3 Belgrave Square. New systems will cost money, but if we don't invest now for the future, I think there may be no future to invest for.

Just one final thought. 1982 has been designated Information Technology Year (ITY). This could not have been better timed from Aslib's point of view. I have already discussed the implications of ITY with the Director, Kenneth Barnes, and it is my intention to exploit ITY resolutely on Aslib's behalf. I should be delighted to hear from anyone in the UK or overseas, member, staff or even a non-member, who may have ideas on how to turn ITY to Aslib's advantage.

I will give a bottle of champagne to the person who puts up the most practical and original idea, so let's be hearing from you!

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16 Mon — Aslib Course: Microforms in Libraries
NRCd, Hertford
Fee: £65; Aslib and NRCd members £50
Details and application form in July/August issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

18 Wed — Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group one-day workshop: Agricultural, biological and medical periodicals — resource sharing
Aslib
Contact: Susan Childs, Basement Flat 1a, 8 Palmeira Square, Hove, Sussex BN3 2JB

19/20 Thurs/Fri — Aslib Course: Copyright and Information
Aslib
Fee: £60; Aslib members £50
Details and application form in July/August issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

23/27 Mon/Fri — Aslib Course: Business Information
Aslib
Fee: £120; Aslib members £90
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*24 Tues 14.00 — Economic and Business Information Group Visit: National Association of Pension Funds
East Croydon
Contact: Veronica Wootliff (AEBIG), Library, London Graduate Business School, Sussex Place, Regents Park, London NW1 4SA

25 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Aslib Evening Meeting: Research and the practitioner, by Margaret Slater, Aslib
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
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*30/1 Dec Mon/Tues — Aslib course: Inter-library Loans: how to succeed
Aslib
Fee: £75; Aslib members only
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Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

DECEMBER

2 Wed 17.00 for 17.30 — Chemical Group Evening Meeting: How to find out in Health and Safety Information by Mrs Sheila Pantry, Principal Librarian, Health and Safety Executive
Aslib
Contact: Mrs L. A. Battle, Esso Research Centre, Abingdon, Oxon. Tel: 0235 45326

3 Thurs — Aslib with British Tourist Authority (BTA) Conference within the World Travel Market: The future of travel information services
Presentation Theatre, Olympia, London
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Programme and registration form with this issue.

*3 Thurs 14.30 — Audiovisual Group Visit: BBC Film and TV Library
Windmill Road, Brentford, Middlesex
Contact: Mrs Barbara Smith, London College of Fashion, 20 John Princes Street, London W1 Tel: 01 629 9401

4 Fri 15.00 — Technical Translation Group Meeting, Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

7 Mon 15.30 — Informatics Group Afternoon Meeting
Aslib
Contact: J. C. McLelland, BSI (THE), Maylands Avenue, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP2 4SQ.
Tel: 0442 3111
Details later

*9 Wed 17.30 — Aslib Christmas Party
Aslib
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

10/11 Thurs/Fri — Social Sciences Information Group Course
Policy Studies Institute, 1—2 Castle Lane, London SW1
Contact for further information, programme and registration form: Susan Johnson, Tel: 01 828 7055 or Eve Johansson, Tel: 01 636 1544 ext 487

17/18 Thurs/Fri — Aslib Course: An Introduction to the Universal Decimal Classification
Aslib
Fee: £55; Aslib members £40
Details and application form in July/August issue
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

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JANUARY

*5 Tues — Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group Training Working Party One Day Meeting on Agricultural Thesauri
Cinema, MAFF, 3 Whitehall Place, London SW1
Contact: Mrs P. W. Adams, Library, MAFF, 3 Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2HH

*15 Fri 16.30 17.30 — Technical Translation Group AGM & Sherry Party
Aslib
Contact: Mrs E. Coke, Electricity Council, Overseas Relations Branch, 30 Millbank, London SW1P 4RD
Tel: 01 834 2333 ext 6229

*18/19 Mon/Tues — Aslib Course: Introduction to Library Automation
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Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*26/29 Tues/Fri — Aslib Course: Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
Aslib
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Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

FEBRUARY

*1/3 Mon/Wed — Aslib Course: Thesaurus Construction
Aslib
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Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*8 Mon — Aslib Course: Handling Product Information
Aslib
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*15/16 Mon/Tues — Aslib Course: Current Awareness and Technical Change
Aslib
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*26 Fri — Aslib Course: The Techniques of Reference Work
Aslib
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

MARCH

*1/2 Mon/Tues — Aslib Course: Official Publications
Aslib
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*22/24 Mon/Wed — Aslib Course: Information Management
Aslib
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*26/28 Fri/Sun — Electronic Group 24th Annual Conference
Anglian Regional Management Centre
Danbury, Essex
Contact: Mrs J. P. Tomlinson, Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London WC2R 0BL
Details later

APRIL

*1/2 Thurs/Fri — Aslib Course: Computer-Produced Indexes
Aslib
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

*1/3 Thurs/Sat — Aslib Midlands/Northern Branches Joint Conference Information Technology — an introductory workshop
Ross-on-Wye
Contact: Mrs Patricia Hunt, GKN Ltd., The Library, Business Development Department, PO Box 55, Smethwick, Warley, West Midlands B66 2RZ
Tel: 021 558 3131 ext 271

*19/23 Mon/Fri — Aslib Course: Senior Introductory Course to Special Library and Information Work
Aslib
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

MAY

*10/14 Mon/Fri — Aslib Course: Course on Business Information
Aslib
Details and application form later
Contact: Education Officer, Aslib

12/14 Wed/Fri — EURIM 5: a European conference on research into the management of information services and libraries
Palais des Congrès, Versailles, France
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

SEPTEMBER

21/24 Tues/Fri — Aslib 55th Annual Conference: Information technology
University of Manchester Owens Park
Contact: Conference Organizer, Aslib
Details later

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HEADQUARTERS

Visitors

During the last two months two parties of visitors from overseas have visited Aslib. In July the 28 participants from 22 countries attending the UNISIST/FID/IFLA International Summer School being held at the Postgraduate School of Librarianship and Information Studies at the University of Sheffield spent a short time hearing of the work of Aslib in general and of the Information Services Department and Library in particular. Most of the participants in the school had some sort of teaching or training involvement in their own country and we at Aslib were only disappointed that the visit had to be such a short one.

The second party of overseas visitors was a group of 14 graduates and professional librarians sponsored by the Texas Women's University. The visit was arranged by the American Institute for Foreign Study. Once again the party was given an overview of the activities of Aslib and more detailed information of the work of the Information Services Department and the library.

Mr S. C. Biswas, Director, Central Secretarial Library, Ministry of Education and Culture, in New Delhi, on a visit to this country arranged by the British Council, discussed with senior members of Aslib staff possible areas of cooperation particularly in research and education.

Professor Kate Bivins of Linköping University, who is much involved in the development of SCANNET, visited Aslib on 31 July, and met with Dr Lewis, Peter Vickers and others to discuss research and consultancy activities.

Getting the most of EURONET: a seminar for online users
7 October 1981, Imperial College, London

By the time this issue is published *Getting the most out of EURONET* will almost certainly be fully booked, as there is a limit to the numbers that can benefit from what needs to be a fairly informal presentation as well as to the accommodation in Room 022 at Imperial College. But a success will certainly be followed by other similar ventures, not necessarily held in London, so watch *Aslib Information* Calendar for developments.

Practical Experience of Machine Translation: A Conference
5–6 November 1981, Kensington Hilton Hotel, London W11

Translation by computer is now a reality, with 15 to 20 machine translation systems in regular practical use around the world. How good is it? What are its limitations? What is it like to work with?

These are the questions which this conference seeks to answer. Its subject is machine translation (MT) in *practice*, rather than theory, and it will be unusual in drawing speakers from the practitioners who work on 'practical' (not research) MT systems. Among a distinguished cast will be Benoit Thouîn (Montreal), Michael Hundt (MITEL Corp, Ottawa), Richard Ruffino (Xerox, New York); Francesco Rossi (Rank Xerox, Milan); Dale Bostad (US Air Force); Professor F. E. Knowles (Aston).

The theme is handled in 4 main sessions. *Translation in transition* will set the scene, first by discussing MT and people (Veronica Lawson), text types and ways to assess translation (Professor J. C. Sager, UMIST), and the evolution of MT philosophy (W. J. Hutchins, University of East Anglia), and then by describing the Meteo and Weidner systems and their use. This is followed by a more searching look at *Aspects of editing*, using the example of Systran and covering the importance of feedback from translators (I. M. Pigott, European Commission, Luxembourg), psychological factors and ergonomics (N. Bevan, National Physical Laboratory), and economic aspects (G. Van Slype, Bureau Marcel van Dijk, Brussels). *The posteditors' experience* is a central discussion

chaired by J. A. Bachrach (head of the European Commission translators in Luxembourg) on MT errors, the impact of feedback on quality, improving the dictionaries, and training. Finally, the conference will look at what MT is *not* likely to do. Where should research and marketing be concentrated? *Speculation: the limits of innovation,* with Professor Yorick Wilks (Essex) in the chair, will examine Eurotra, the system proposed by the European Commission (Margaret King, Geneva); the pivotal role of MT dictionaries; and the future as seen by Margaret Masterman, the Cambridge pioneer of MT.

Is MT a help or a hindrance, or both, or even neither? Like its predecessors, *Translating and the Computer* in 1978 and *Machine Aids for Translators* last year, *Practical Experience of Machine Translation* should attract a large international audience of translators, administrators and computer people in government, institutions and industry, as well as academics, promoters of MT systems, users and potential users of MT, and the information community as a whole.

Joint sponsors Aslib and the Translators' Guild are grateful to the Commission of the European Communities for their generous help, without which this major 2-day event could not have been staged at so reasonable a cost. (The fee is £90.00; *£80.00 for members of Aslib and the Translators' Guild*).

A programme and registration form were distributed in July/August; further copies and information can be obtained from the Conference organizer, Aslib.

The Future of Travel Information Services. A Conference within the World Travel Market
arranged by Aslib with the British Tourist Authority
3 December 1981 The Presentation Theatre, Olympia, London

The Rt. Hon. Michael Marshall, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Industry, will open this Conference, a joint venture of Aslib and the British Tourist Authority within the World Travel Market; and writer and broadcaster Joan Bakewell gives an experienced traveller's view of the user's information needs. A number of speakers in the travel and information business will describe how the demands of a growing and sophisticated travelling public are being met.

A vast range of new and often seemingly conflicting services for the travel industry will be demonstrated at the World Travel Market. Delegates to Olympia will find that, at *The Future of Travel Information Services*, they will be guided by experts through this maze of new technological possibilities as well as the more conventional information sources at present available. How does the travel industry see the issues and problems? What is the ideal to be achieved? (David Barr of the British Tourist Authority). What are the sources of travel and tourist information and what skills and training are needed for their most effective use? (Kevin Gavaghan, Thomas Cook Ltd). Technology to the rescue (or is it?): information skills and technology in travel information surveyed and assessed (W. Thom, English Tourist Board). Prestel and travel, by Richard Hooper, the Director of Prestel. Alan Beaver, author, lecturer and journalist, compares and evaluates CALTRAV and TRAVICOM.

This cooperation and conference is a first of its kind. On the eve of Information Technology Year it seeks to maximize information skills and technology in one of the country's most dynamic industries. Aslib sees it as an exciting opportunity to reach a new public, but many members concerned with travel information may find it interesting to attend. A programme and registration form accompany this issue and further copies can be obtained from The Conference Organizer, Aslib.

EURIM 5: a European conference on research into the management of information services and libraries
12–14 May 1982, Palais des Congrès, Versailles

The sponsors' decision to approach the main centres of research concerned with information handling in the sponsoring countries, inviting presentations on their most important work, has met with an encouraging response — in fact, it looks as if there will be some testing choices to be made between potential winners. The intention is to publish and distribute the programme to members with the November/December issue of *Aslib Information.*

Concurrent with the programme of sessions will be an exhibition, expected to be a great enhancement to the conference, while the whole occasion, in the beautiful setting of Versailles' Palais des Congrès, should provide a unique opportunity both for the communication of recent research work to an international audience and for the exchange of ideas on key issues in the world of information. Contact: The Conference Organizer, Aslib.

GROUPS

Meeting on agricultural thesauri

The ABASG Training Working Party is to hold a one-day meeting on 'Agricultural Thesauri' on Tuesday 5 January 1982 in the Cinema of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, 3 Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2HH. The aim of this meeting is to introduce Librarians and Information Specialists to some of the current general and special thesauri available, plus a talk on the applications in retrieval with an on-line demonstration. A meeting fee of £1.00 will be collected on the day. Please apply early to reserve your place.

Further details and application form from Tricia Adams, MAFF (address as above) Tel. 01 217 6181 (or 3842).

How do we index?

The Aslib Informatics Group has held several seminars and workshops on the practice of indexing. As a by-product from this, an endeavour has been made to establish how indexing is performed, especially from the point of view of selecting appropriate words from the text and 'translating' these into a form suitable for an indexing system. To further this activity volunteer indexers are needed.

If you are willing to participate, please select a set of index entries (words may be selected from the text or from elsewhere) which you consider would adequately index the following *New Scientist* articles selected from volume 90, number 1247 (2 April 1981):

Technical hitches delay London's flood protection (p. 6)
The dope on plastic bottles (p. 19)
Cancer cells push their way into the blood (p. 21)
Instrument firm has designs on car market (p. 23)
Transport can give disabled a lift (p. 23)

Previous experience has demonstrated that volunteers usually have a diversity of backgrounds and that it is inadvisable to postulate a single form of indexing. Therefore, any technique may be employed, but post-coordinate indexing would be preferred if the volunteer has experience of several techniques. If post-coordinate indexing is employed, please mark the three most significant terms in order of importance. The total number of words selected, which may include common (dictionary) compounds, eg New Zealand, should not exceed 10 per article. If sufficient interest is shown, it is hoped that a meeting will be arranged to assess the results.

Please send index entries on a sheet together with your name and address to: Kevin P. Jones, Malaysian Rubber Producers' Research Association, Brickendonbury, Hertford SG13 8NL.

Bibliographies

In response to the entry in *Aslib Information* July 1974, and further to the lists given in recent issues we have received and inspected the following bibliographies. Photocopies of these bibliographies can be supplied by Aslib at the prices indicated. Orders should be addressed to the Head of the Information Division at Aslib. All orders must be **PRE-PAID.**

Bibl—1643
House of Commons Library Research Division.
After Polaris? The choice is Trident the decision on Britain's strategic nuclear force. 1981. 44 refs. Reference Sheet No. 81/3. £1.00

Bibl—1644
House of Commons Library Research Division.
The Transport Bill 1980—81. 1981. 21 pages. Reference Sheet No. 81/1. £2.40.

The following bibliographies are available direct from the issuing organizations. **PLEASE GIVE FULL DETAILS WHEN ORDERING** — the Bibliography number alone is not sufficient to enable the publishing organization to identify the item.

Bibl—1645
Agricultural Research Council. Weed Research Organization.
Selected references to the biology and control of cuscuta species. (A supplement to Bibliographies Nos. 32, 51 and 100) 1976—1979. 1979. 12 pages. Annotated Bibliography No. 135. UK £3.50. Overseas £4.20.
Available from: Weed Research Organization, Agricultural Research Council, Begbroke Hill, Yarnton, Oxford OX5 1PF.

Bibl—1646
Building Services Research and Information Association.
Regulation of building services. 2nd edition. 1979. 99 refs. Bibliography LB 72/79. n.p.
Available from: Building Services Research and Information Association, Old Bracknell Lane, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 4AH.

Bibl—1647
Building Services Research and Information Association.
Sprinkler installations: literature in the BSIRA Library. 1980. 41 refs. Bibliography LB 36/80. £1.50 with order.
Available from: Building Services Research and Information Association, Old Bracknell Lane, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 4AH.

Bibl—1648
Commonwealth Bureau of Animal Health.
Helminths of cattle and sheep and horses. Compiled from references in Helminthological Abstracts Series A and Veterinary Bulletin for the period 1968—1977. 1978. 265 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. 20A. n.p.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl—1649
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Damage to horticultural crops by air pollution 1972—1980. 1980. 337 refs. Supplementing Q.F. 56/74. UK £6.00. Overseas £7.20.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl—1650
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Tissue culture of woody horticultural plants 1975—1980. 1980. 271 refs. Supplementing Q.F. 14/78. UK £5.50. Overseas £6.60.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl—1651
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Principles of soil classification (1958—1964). 1979. 200 refs. No. SA 2047. UK £5.00. Overseas £6.00.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl—1652
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Principles of soil classification (1965—1971). 1979. 205 refs. No. SA 2048. UK £5.50. Overseas £6.60.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl-1653
Department of Employment Library.
Industrial psychology. 1980. 5 pages. Library Checklist: CL47 — 1980 (6).
Available from: Department of Employment Library, 12 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LL.

Bibl—1654
Department of Employment Library.
Wage and salary administration. 1980. 5 pages. Library Checklist: CL38 — 1980 (11).
Available from: Department of Employment Library, 12 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LL.

Bibl—1655
Department of Employment. Work Research Unit.
Ergonomic improvements in working life. 1980. 8 pages. Work Research Unit Bibliography No. 35.
Available from: Work Research Unit, Department of Employment, Almack House, 26 King Street, London SW1Y 6RB.

Bibl—1656
Department of Health and Social Security Library.
Selected references on accidents and hazards to hospital staff (1975—July 1980). 1980. 64 refs. Bibliography Series B 129.
Available from: Department of Health and Social Security Library, Alexander Fleming House, Elephant and Castle, London SE1 6BY.

Bibl—1657
Departments of the Environment and Transport.
Pesticides: a select bibliography based on material held in libraries of DOE/DTp and MAFF. 1980. 411 refs. Bibliography No. 148G. £2.00 + postage.
Available from: Headquarters Library, Department of the Environment/Department of Transport, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB.

Bibl—1658
Departments of the Environment and Transport.
Urban open spaces: a select list of material based on the DOE/DTp Library. 1980. 285 refs. Bibliography 95B. £1.95 + postage.
Available from: Headquarters Library, Department of the Environment/Department of Transport, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB.

Bibl—1659
An Foras Forbartha Teoranta. (The National Institute for Physical Planning and Construction Research).
Bibliographies prepared by The Library An Foras Forbartha. 1980. 21 pages.
Available from: An Foras Forbartha Teoranta (The National Institute for Physical Planning and Construction Research), St Martins House, Waterloo Road, Dublin 4, Ireland.

Bibl—1660
Greater London Council Research Library.
Sale of council houses. 3rd Edn. 1980. 104 refs. Bibliography No. 75. £1.75 in the UK only.
Available from: GLC Bookshop, County Hall, London SE1 7PB.

Bibl—1661
Institution of Electrical Engineers. Library.
Wind power bibliography. 1980. n.p. £10.00.
Available from: Library, Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London WC2R 0BL.

Bibl—1662
International Organization for Standardization.
International Standards for medical and dental equipment and materials. 1980. 14 pages. Bibliography 18.
Available from: International Organization for Standardization, Case Postale 56, CH 1211, Geneve 20, Switzerland.

Bibl—1663
Northampton Development Corporation.
Tree roots: encroachment on to adjoining properties: the technical and legal position: a further selection of documents in the NDC Library. 1980. 3 pages.
Available from: The Library, Northampton Development Corporation, Cliftonville House, Bedford Road, Northampton NN4 0AY.

Bibl—1664
Office of Population Censuses and Surveys Library.
Migration and the UK: some general works in OPCS Library. 1980. 8 pages.
Available from: Office of Population Censuses and Surveys Library, St Catherines House, 10 Kingsway, London WC2B 6JP.

Bibl—1665
Scottish Health Service Centre Library.
Computers in health care. 1980. 106 refs. Library Bibliography No. 52.
Available from: The Librarian, Scottish Health Service Centre, Crewe Road South, Edinburgh EH4 2LF.

Bibl—1666
Victorian Railways Library.
Centralized train control and methods of increasing single-track line capacity. 1980. 80 refs. Literature Search No. 80—03.
Available from: Victorian Railways Library, 67 Spencer Street, Melbourne 3000, Victoria, Australia.

Bibl—1667
Victorian Railways Library.
Deregulation of freight transport. 1980. 114 refs. Literature Search No. 80—05.
Available from: Victorian Railways Library, 67 Spencer Street, Melbourne 3000, Victoria, Australia.

AEBIG News

Aslib Economic and Business Information Group

Please send all contributions for this section to: Tim Owen, GLC Research Library, Room 513, County Hall, London SE1 7PB. Tel: 01-633 7530.

AEBIG News Editor

From the next issue Tim Owen is taking over the main responsibility for editing *AEBIG News*. My thanks to Heather Taylor at Aslib and to all those who have contributed material. Keep the items rolling in to Tim at the address at the head of the column.

Paul Neville.

Committee news

The newly elected committee for 1981–2 has begun work on a programme of events for the forthcoming year – further details follow. The committee members are:–

Group Officers:	Nigel Oxbrow – Chairman Peter Page – Hon. Treasurer John Cox – Hon. Secretary Tim Owen and Paul Neville – AEBIG News Maria Collins – Meetings Co-ordinator
Lindsay Churchill	Marketing Information Officer, Rolls Royce Ltd., PO Box 31, Derby DE2 8BJ. 0332 42424 ext. 1848.
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John Cox	Development and Research Manager, Chas E. Goad Ltd., 18a Salisbury Sq., Old Hatfield, Herts AL9 5BE. Hatfield 71171.
Terry Hanstock	Commerce and Law Librarian, Sheffield Public Libraries, Surrey Street, Sheffield S1 1XZ. 0742 734735/9 – 734742/4.
Margaret Johnston	Assistant Librarian, City Business Library, Gillett House, Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5BX. 01-606 3030 ext. 2840.
Paul Neville	Industrial Affairs Specialist, BBC, Room 2, 1 Duchess Street, London W1A 1AA. 01-580 4468 ext. 4398.
Tim Owen	Information Officer, GLC Research Library, County Hall, London SE1 7PB. 01-633 7530.
Nigel Oxbrow	Director, Alan Armstrong Assocs. Ltd., c/o London Business School Bookshop, Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4SA. 01-723 3902.
Peter Page	Marketing Information Exec., Guinness Overseas Ltd. Park Royal Brewery, London NW10 7RR. 01-965 7700.
Tessa Perry	Marketing Information Officer, Lloyd's Bank Ltd., 25 Monument Street, London EC3R 7BQ. 01-626 1500 ext. 3252.
Sylvia Webb	Librarian, BP Chemicals Ltd., Belgrave House, 76 Buckingham Palace Rd., London SW1W 0SU. 01-581 6676.
Veronica Wootliff	Assistant Librarian, London Graduate Business School, Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4SA. 01-262 5050.

The committee's first meeting was largely taken up with a brainstorming session to online activities for the 1981–82 season of meetings, special events and visits. It was a fruitful session, and the season starts with an autumn wine and cheese social at 5.30 on 8 October at which Den Lewis, Aslib's new director, will talk on the subject – *Aslib – the future beckons!* Places for this thought-provoking session are unlimited, at £2.50 for AEBIG members, £3 for others. Those interested are invited to contact Tessa Perry on 01-626 1500 ext. 3252.

Looking further ahead, there is a visit to the National Association of Pension Funds on 24 November, the New Year party is on 7 January 1982, and a visit to Lloyd's of London is planned for 2 February.

Other projected meetings are as follows:

November 1981	Half-day seminar on small businesses
December	Visit to the Equal Opportunities Commission
January 1982	One-day seminar on information technology
February	Half-day library assistants' course
March	Visit to the GLC Research Library Visit to Cook Hammond & Kell, with seminar on maps and plans
April	One-day seminar on sources of information Visit to Warwick University Statistical Service
May	Seminar on market research reports

Other events and socials are also being considered for the end of the season.

Honours list

Congratulations to Patricia Oliver, Information Services Manager at J. Walter Thompson, who has been made an associate director of the company – a great achievement for both womanhood and information!

Publications

The Forecasting Business: a review of the output of the major forecasting organisations. Warwick Statistics Service Occasional Review No. 2. July 1981.

The Forecasting Business describes the publications produced by the main forecasting organizations in the major industrialized countries. Over 300 forecasts are covered in the review which includes not only macroeconomic forecasts but also individual sector or industry forecasts.

The first section offers a brief commentary on medium-term prospects for the major economies of the world, based on the results of the major forecasts. This is followed by a country directory of organizations producing macroeconomic forecasts – approximately 165 forecasts are included.

The second section is a directory, arranged by subject, of organizations publishing regular sector or industry forecasts; approximately 150 forecasts are included. Each entry contains information on the name of the organization, title and frequency of forecast produced, and, where possible, type and cost of forecast produced. An alphabetical index of organizations, with addresses, is also included and an update is promised in early 1982.

Available at £25 (including postage and update when published) from Warwick Statistics Service. University of Warwick Library, Coventry CV4 7AL. Telephone: (0203) 62530.

Following failure to agree terms with C.W.S. Ltd., Capital Planning Information, the information consultants and publishers, are no longer marketing the C.W.S. monthly *Retail Review.* Although CPI have always been convinced of the quality of the *Review*, it has never achieved its anticipated sales targets, probably in large measure due to its commercial launch on a subscription basis at a time when business generally, and retailing in particular, was feeling the effects of recession very severely. *Retail Review* continues to be produced by C.W.S. Ltd., and all enquiries regarding it should be addressed to Bernard Howcroft, Manager of the Library and Information Unit, C.S.W. Ltd., P.O. Box 53, New Century House, Manchester M60 4ES.

Aslib Electronics Group Newsletter

Please send any items for inclusion in the newsletter to Chris Bigger, GEC-Marconi Research Laboratories, West Hanningfield Road, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Essex. Tel. (0245) 73331 ext. 382.

Royal Aircraft Establishment and Aeronautical Research Council

Please note that the information under RAE developments concerning ARC material which appeared in the July/August issue of the newsletter is incorrect. Apologies for any confusion or misunderstandings which may have arisen. The full picture is as follows:

Following the closure of the Library of the Aeronautical Research Council the master sets of its own report series (i.e. ARC numbered sequence, Reports and Memoranda and Current Papers) have been transferred to the Library of the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough. All future enquiries and requests relating to these series should be addressed to the Reports Section, Main Library, Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, Hants. The remainder of the stock of the ARC Library (i.e. books, periodicals and *non-ARC* reports) have been transferred to the Library of the Cranfield Institute of Technology where it is hoped it will be available to readers for consultation in approximately 12 months time. All enquiries which relate to the stock of the old ARC Library with the exception of the ARC Report series listed above, should be addressed to Mr J. F. Blagden, Librarian, Cranfield Institute of Technology, Cranfield, Bedford MK43 0AL.

Access to reports in the UK: The role of BLLD, DRIC and TRC

This Electronics Group meeting took place on 18 May 1981 at Aslib Headquarters. Representatives from the three organizations presented papers to attendees, paper summaries as follows:

British Library Lending Division. John Chillag.

The Lending Division has about 2¾ million reports in its collection, and this is expanding at the rate of about 140,000 per year. The major report series held at the Lending Division (LD) were given in a handout, copies of which are obtainable from the author at the LD.

The overall policy of the LD and the National Lending Library for Science and Technology before it, has been to acquire reports from any source, from any part of the world, provided that the reports have no limitation on their availability. In the long past only scientific and technical reports were collected, but for the last decade or more, reports in the social sciences and humanities are also acquired. Examples of the subject and geographical spread of reports held at the LD were shown.

The main function of the Lending Division is to provide on demand a rapid document supply service to libraries requesting it in the UK and abroad. For this the LD aims to build up comprehensive collections of serials (and most reports are serials) in all languages, also monographs mainly in English and Russian, but acquiring others on demand. The format in which supply documents are supplied, on loan or for retention, may be determined by a number of factors, including the format in which the document has been acquired, copyright considerations etc. Although less applicable to reports than to other material, back-up libraries and borrowing through international loans may also be used to supply requested items.

The LD operates on a system of prepaid loan/photocopy forms, augmented by coupons and users must use these after becoming registered users. The forms are obtainable in multiples of 50, or as a pack of 20 for the small user, coupons are sold in multiples of 20.

The bulk of the reports arrive by airmail and are received at Boston Spa about the same time as airmail copies of GRA, STAR, etc. reach the recipients. However, many requests nowadays are generated from the use of online databases and often jump the gun! However, databases create also a much more serious problem: information-report numbers abstracts are transferred from one database to another without being backed up by the actual document. The document may be delayed for many weeks, or months, and sometimes is not released at all.

The Lending Division receives on average 3500 requests for reports each week, satisfying over 80% of these requests. It is obvious that the more accurate and complete the information given, the better the chances of rapid success. The LD does carry out considerable bibliographic checking on report requests, utilizing comprehensive COM-fiche indexes not generally accessible to the public, and computer databases. Nevertheless, there will be requests which need to be referred back to the borrower for additional information. To avoid this happening, requests should quote *all* information available. When information is retrieved from databases or say Government Reports Announcements, the information given there ('published in journal', 'document illegible', 'US requestors only', etc) is often ignored. The backup services used by the Division for conventional literature are generally not applicable to reports, but some failed requests will be passed to TRC and DRIC.

Lending Division publications include *British Reports, Translations and Theses* (BRTT) which from January 1981 supersedes the *BLLD Announcement Bulletin* (BAB). The new improved publication includes indexes, and to establish the most useful frequency and type of indexes, a questionnaire is being circulated to subscribers.

Also in January SIGLE (*S*ystem for *I*nformation on *G*rey *L*iterature in *E*urope), an information system on non-conventional or grey literature, became operational, initially for a two year period. Its aim is to fill a major gap in the bibliographic coverage and accessibility of grey literature by combining the resources offered by important national information/document centre in a number of European Community countries. The participants in this scheme are the British Library Lending Division (UK), the Fachinformationszentrum, Karlsruhe (Federal Republic of Germay), the Association UCL-LABORELEC (Belgium) and the Commissariat a l'Energie Atomique (CEA) (France). CEA also acts as the central processing centre for bibliographic records. The Lending Division will also input grey literature from the Republic of Ireland and the Riso National Laboratory is at present acting as the Danish centre. Other EC countries have expressed interest in participating, as have some non-EC countries. The bibliographic file will be available through EURONET DIANE and may also be used to produce a published European grey literature index.

Producers of grey literature are encouraged to supply copies of their documents to their national centres. British and Irish documents should be sent to the British Library Lending Division. For further information please contact: John Chillag, British Library Lending Division, Boston Spa, Wetherby, West Yorkshire LS 23 7BQ.

Technology Reports Centre (TRC) Vernon Benning

Role

TRC forms part of a division of the Department of Industry which is responsible for the transfer of technology to industry. TRC's activities contribute to the need for a focus in the Department where information is held about government sponsored work of interest to industry.

Activities

TRC provides announcement and alerting services.

R & D Abstracts — issued twice monthly, contains abstracts of reports received at TRC from government research establishments and government sponsored R & D activities in the UK and overseas; complete with indexes.

Techscan — SDI current awareness service matches a user's interest profile twice monthly against a list of reports featured in *R & D Abstracts* and *US Government Reports Announcements.*
Dialtech — enables users to search on their own terminals, the several million references held on ESA's Information Retrieval Service (IRS) computer near Rome.
Techsearch — a literature search on the IRS computer carried out at TRC by information specialists on the user's behalf.
Report holdings — covering five complete years plus the current year in paper-copy and/or microfiche.
Technology Advisory Point (TAP) — a free service located at TRC which gives sources of expertise to assist with technical problems.
Technical Services for Industry (TSI) — published periodically, contains a comprehensive guide to technical information and other services available from government departments and associated organizations.
TechAlert — uses some of the country's leading specialist journals to focus industry's attention on the pick of publicly-funded research. Current lists of reports on topical subjects are sent to users of TRC's TechAlert service.

Assessment

A wide range of announcement facilities are available from TRC. *R & D Abstracts* or *Techscan* can be skimmed through twice monthly and *TechAlert* brings significant reports to the attention of those who can profit from the information they contain.

TRC provides a free reports service to government where a central activity is economic. Non-government organizations are charged.

TRC have led the way with online activities and instruction in the UK.

TRC have a special relationship with DRIC, ESA, NASA and EEC and provide special services relating to unlimited reports to the defence and space communities in the UK. If TRC hold a report then a request from government, or non-government accompanied by the correct cash, will be passed immediately to the stockroom for dispatch of the document.

TRC provide extended credit facilities to approved customers and welcome 'one-off' users who have an occasional requirement for reports.

The future

Reports are only a small part of most people's documentation requirements so that it is understandable that registered users of BLLD use them for their report requirements. All unlimited reports held by TRC are available from BLLD. TRC, concentrating on alerting services, seeks to stimulate the areas of new technology.

Currently, all information services in the Department (including those provided by TRC) are under review in the light of present industrial needs, other public-sector information services, EEC initiatives and the possibility of more effective services being made available through the use of new information technologies.

Defence Research Information Centre. Jim Dunne

The very informative summary of this paper will be included in the next issue of *Eltron News.*

ABASG News

Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group Newsletter No. 22

Copy for the next issue should be sent to Ms J. Lovenack, Coleridge Library, Chelsea College, Hortensia Road, London, SW10 0QR by 10 November, 1981.

1981 AGM

Those unable to attend the Group's AGM held in April this year will be interested to learn that the Committee was elected as follows:

Chairman:	Miss P. J. Wortley, COPR
Hon. Treasurer:	Mr R. Davidge, Royal Holloway College
Hon. Secretary:	Miss A. Lumley, COPR
Committee.	Mrs P. W. Adams, MAFF
	Mr N. Briggs, NIRD
	Miss S. M. Childs, SW Thames Regional Health Authority
	Miss P. I. Edwards, BM(NH) (retired)
	Miss J. Lovenack, Chelsea College
	Mr H. Williams, ICI Plant Protection Division

Thanks were expressed to Dr J. A. Silk (ICI) for his work on the Committee over the last few years. His place has been taken by Mr H. Williams, a biochemist in the Information Department at ICI Jealotts Hill Research Station, who was welcomed into the Committee.

Discussions at the AGM centred around membership matters and relations with other groups in our subject fields, particularly with IAALD (International Association of Agricultural Librarians and Documentalists). The ways in which ABASG could more fully form the focal point for agricultural librarians in the UK is being looked into by the committee.

British Museum (Natural History)

It was apt that our AGM was held at the Museum during its Centenary Year. Miss Phyllis Edwards, recently retired after 30 years in the Botany Department's library, gave an introductory talk on the history of the Museum and development of its collections and libraries. In 1975 the libraries, formerly the responsibility of the keepers of the subject departments, were constituted into a separate library department for administrative purposes which has allowed them to become more integrated in function, but the individual librarians remain physically located in their subject departments. Differences in size and collections reflect the differing origins of the departmental libraries. The Botany and Zoology collections for example, go back to incubabula. In the General Library Mr M. Rowlands, the Chief Librarian, introduced us to the Rare Book Room where some of the very early natural history works and manuscripts were on display. This was indeed the highlight of the tour. The party then split up into groups to visit the individual subject libraries of Botany, Entomology, Zoology, Palaeontology and Mineralogy. In each library interesting talks were given on the collections and their arrangement by the library staff, who also answered our questions and helped to complete a very interesting tour.

EMAIG/ABASG joint visit to the National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh, March 1981

This useful and very informative meeting was opened by George Haltwood of the Meat and Livestock Commission (MLC) who gave an outline of the MLC's recent change in publications policy and the rationalisation of their mailing lists. The meeting then discussed 'grey' literature problems, with particular reference to MLC publications, before a tour of the Beef unit. A further tour of the Pig unit followed lunch, with the various animal management systems being fully explained in both units. This was rounded off with an informal

discussion on farm animal welfare over tea, before everyone dispersed. The visit was very worthwhile and much appreciated by the people attending — our thanks to the East Midlands Agricultural Information Group for arranging it.

Pat W. Adams.

Group visit to Jealott's Hill Research Station

The Group visited the ICI Plant Protection Division in mid-July and enjoyed a very interesting day touring parts of the site and hearing accounts of the activities undertaken there. The visit began with coffee and a film showing ICI's world wide role in the agrichemicals business and was followed by a tour of the Station to show the work done on thousands of chemicals produced either by the Company or sent by other organizations to ICI, for testing as potential plant protection agents. To begin we saw the greenhouses and special equipment of the Biological Group where both plants and insects are used and where some of the techniques involved were explained. Following this work to select promising chemicals field trials are done and tests made for possible damaging environmental effects, which were explained by staff representatives of the Ecology and the Metabolism and Residues Sections. Successful products of the Station include the insecticide lindane and the first hormone weedkillers paraquat and diquat. A break for lunch followed with the opportunity to talk to some of the staff and the afternoon was spent touring the Technical Information Section with demonstrations of the various database systems in use, including Assassin, Crossbow and other in-house schemes carefully designed to cover the vast amounts of information involved, and the production not only of online information but also of bulletins and current awareness services. After visiting the library side of this section the visit ended with tea with more Station staff on hand for consultation.

The Group would like to thank the many staff of the Station whose hard work made our visit so agreeable and informative.

Readers might like to know of a full account of the work of this Station published to mark a recent anniversary: Peacock, F. C. *Jealott's Hill: fifty years of Agricultural Research 1928–1978.* Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd, 1978.

Education for information work in medicine

In Britain specialist training in the use of medical information is only given as part of a course of professional studies, but so far there are no courses devoted solely to this subject. A recent paper describes the specialist training which has been available for some years in West Germany in medical informatics. It covers aspects of computing, mathematics and medicine, including administrative aspects, and produces qualified people at different levels of expertise.
Source: Kostrewski, B. *Journal of Information Science: Principles and practice* **3**(2): 81–90, 1981.

Difficulties in information retrieval

Some information is difficult to retrieve from the literature because it is new or its true significance is not recognised, and so it is indexed under existing terms if at all and gets lost in the system. The classic paper: Avery, O. T. *et al* Studies on the chemical nature of the substance inducing transformation of pneumococcal types. Induction of transformation by a desoxyribonucleic acid fraction isolated from *Pneumococcus* Type III. *J. exp. Med.* 1944, **79**: 137–158, with hindsight, was recognised as a genetic study involving genes, but not indexed as such as the time, being an interdisciplinary paper on a new area of research. Some scientists partially recognised its value at the time having learned of it at lectures given by one of the authors. Another example of important information being overlooked is the phenomenon now termed provocation poliomyelitis. Here paralysis of the legs was noticed as a side effect of some drugs used to treat congenital syphilis or leprosy in very young children. This effect was reported sporadically in the literature beginning in 1914 and later in connection with vaccination programs against polio, but the importance of this iatrogenic disease was not recognised because the indexing systems did not allow for its retrieval. The *Bibliography of Infantile Paralysis 1789–1949* published in 1950 did not mention these papers or index the concept. The term provocation was not used until 1952 but in the important publication *A history of poliomyelitis* by J. R. Paul, published in 1971 the matter is treated briefly in the text and not indexed under the expected terms. Specialist retrieval services may be based on a few selected journals to help searchers cope with a vast publishing output, but individual papers on phenomena not previously recognised, named, or published in less well known journals could be omitted.

It is proposed that a new synopsis journal be published reporting single clinical cases of sufficiently rare conditions which have been previously described and full details of these cases should be referred to a databank searchable on request. Such a linked databank and synopsis journal could be a prototype for similar ventures in taxonomy and ecology.
Source: 1. Wyatt, H. V. Naming of parts: until a phenomenon has been named, it will not be retrieved. *Proceedings of the 4th Annual WAMI Meeting,* April 1981: 166–170. 2. Wyatt, H. V. Publication of single clinical case description: proposal for a databank and linked synopsis journal. *idem*: 379–382.

Recent announcements

Mr M. J. Rowlands, Head of the Department of Library Services of the British Museum (Natural History), retired this summer, after many years of valuable service and his post has been taken over by Mr Anthony P. Harvey who was the Co-ordinator of the Departmental Libraries.

BIOSIS Basic Training Course

This one day course which was sponsored by ABASG was held at Aslib on 5th May 1981. The session began with an introduction to BIOSIS, its organisation and mission. Particular emphasis was given to BIOSIS Previews and BIOSIS search aids. Participants were presented with copies of 'BIOSIS Training Manual: BIOSIS Previews Edition: Basic Series'. Before lunch participants completed a quiz. The afternoon session began with instruction on constructing a BIOSIS search profile followed by a group workshop session where our ability at devising search strategy was tested by working through a series of questions with the aid of Search Guides provided. Groups presented their findings which were discussed by the participants. Thanks are due to Miss Pauline Duckitt, the BIOSIS Field Representative, for working so hard and making it such a valuable and interesting course. It may be possible for ABASG to sponsor similar courses in the future, possibly also at a more advanced level.

News

EVENTS

Social impact of technology conference

A conference to discuss the impact of information technology on society is being held in Ireland later this year. Entitled 'Information technology: impact on the way of life', it will take place from 18–20 November 1981 and forms part of the work of the EEC Programme on Forecasting and Assessment in Science and Technology (FAST). It is organized by the National Board for Science and Technology, and among the session themes planned are changes in patterns of work and leisure, variations in the rate of introduction of new technology, response to technological change, and access to and use of information. Presentation of the results of a study on the social impact of information technology – carried out by a research team from France – will be one of the highlights of the conference.

Further details are available from: Liam Bannon/Ursula Barry, National Board for Science and Technology, Shelbourne House, Shelbourne Road, Dublin 4, Ireland. Tel: 01-683311.

Online numeric databases and the business environment

A one day meeting on this topic is being organized by the Institute of Information Scientists, Southern Branch, and will take place on 29 October 1981. The meeting will concentrate on the issues encountered in retrieving and manipulating numeric, financial, economic and other business data using online techniques.

Speakers include representatives of the major database vendors in this area and will cover topics such as general and company financial information, modelling and forecasting using business data, and economic indicators. Also discussed will be the future of numeric business databases, relevant databases available on Euronet and a case study from industry on trade statistics. Online demonstrations of the systems described will be a focal point of the meeting. The meeting will take place at the BLAISE Training Suite, Sheraton Street, London W1, and the registration fee will be £30 plus VAT.

For further details and/or application form please contact: Ms Sue Ward, Information Department, Beecham Pharmaceuticals, Coldharbour Road, Harlow, Essex CM19 5AD. Tel. Harlow (0279) 29631 ext. 333.

Society of Indexers

A series of evening meetings organized by the Society of Indexers will take place on the following dates:

Thurs 12 Nov 1981	*Word processors in indexing* David Ross of Vydec (UK) Ltd
Tues 2 Feb 1982	*Information retrieval for archaeologists* Michael Rhodes of The Museum of London
Tues 16 March 1982	*The business of indexing* A Brains Trust

All meetings will be held at the Library Association, 7 Ridgmount Street, London, WC1E 7AE, at 5.30 for 6 pm, and Aslib members are invited to attend.

EMIS introductory seminar

A half day seminar for users and expected users of the *new* EMIS (Electronic Materials Information Service) online information service, will be held on 16 October, at the Institute of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London WC2 at 2.00 pm. The seminar programme will include Coverage; Record Structure; Search System and Search Techniques.

This seminar is offered free of charge to all potential EMIS users. Numbers are limited and registrations should be made as soon as possible to: Mary Wright, INSPEC, Station House, Nightingale Road, Hitchin, Herts. Tel: 0462 53331.

The seminar will start at 2.00 pm.

New Zealand Library Association Conference

The 1982 annual conference of the New Zealand Library Association will be held at Auckland on 8–12 February 1982. The theme of the conference is to be 'Libraries – who needs them?' Most of the programme is now established, but the Conference Committee has indicated it will still consider offers to speak by participants from overseas.

Conference brochures and registration forms are now available and participants seeking more information are asked to write to: NZLA 1982 Auckland Conference Committee (Mr K. I. Porter), The University Library, University of Auckland, Private Bag, Auckland, New Zealand.

Course for editors

The Primary Communications Research Centre at the University of Leicester is organizing a two-day course for new and inexperienced editors of scholarly journals on 8 and 9 October. Its aim is to provide opportunity for discussion of problems encountered in editing and also for practical exercises. The course will be held at The Ciba Foundation, 41 Portland Place, London W1N 4BN. Details from: Martha Van der Lem-Mearns, Primary Communications Research Centre, University of Leicester, Leicester LE 1 7RH.

NOTES

New title for Library Advisory Council

The Library Advisory Council is to become the Library and Information Services Council. The new title reflects the current development of libraries in the context of information services generally, as well as Government recognition of the need for coordination throughout the field of information provision.

The change implements an undertaking given to the House of Commons Select Committee on Education, Science and the Arts that the title should reflect more fully the range of the Council's functions announced in April 1981.

In the earlier years of its existence the advice given by the Council related mainly to the public library service, and its membership was composed predominantly of people interested in that service. Successive Ministers, however, have broadened the membership and made clear that they expect the Council to advise on all matters related to libraries of any kind including the provision and operation of information services.

Information services provide important support for industry, business, the professions and education. The new title recognises this change of emphasis in the library and information world, which has already been reflected in the recent work of the Council, when its main concern has been a major study of the future development of libraries and information services in the light of changing needs, new technology and the economic outlook.

Microcomputers and word processors for information work

As part of its current publications programme, Aslib has commissioned a book on microcomputer and word processor applications for library and information units. The book is in the process of being written and is scheduled to be published in 1982.

The authors, Jenny Collyer and Bob Winfield of the City of London Polytechnic, hope to concentrate on the actual applications of this technology for information work, and the opportunities it offers librarians and information scientists. They are thus anxious to communicate with anyone who is already actively working in this area.

The authors can be contacted at: City of London Polytechnic, Department of Information Technology Studies, Calcutta House, Old Castle Street, London, E1 7NT.

British Library working party on provision for law

The British Library has recently set up a working party to advise on the future development of its services in the area of law, to the legal profession, academics, and the wider public. The working party is currently seeking opinion and comment from users of legal literature and legal information services, based on their experience of libraries and upon their own needs.

The working party would be particularly grateful for comment on the following group of closely-related questions:

- in the provision of legal literature in libraries over the country as a whole, what gaps or inadequacies are there?
- what particular difficulties are there in finding UK legislative material? for example, local legislation, and legal literature from smaller jurisdictions?
- what areas of overseas law are not covered by UK libraries, or are difficult of access?
- what kind of service is needed from the national library to support the direct library services available to most users?
- to what extent are loan, photocopy and telephone enquiry services likely to satisfy the needs of users not able to visit the British Library Reference Division in London?
- what are the implications of the new technology for library provision in the legal field?

Comments, enquiries and submissions will be welcomed by the Secretary, Miss Mary Goldrick, The British Library, Official Publications Library, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3DG (Tel: 01-636 1544 ext. 234). These should be sent by March 1982 at the latest.

Inventory of software packages

Within the general program for information (UNISIST) of UNESCO, an inventory of software packages developed for and used in information work is being prepared.

The inventory will evaluate in depth software packages for mainframe, mini- and micro-computers and will deal, inter alia, with hardware requirements, application packages, database management systems, transferability and availability to developing countries, users experience, costs, performance data, etc. Packages developed outside normal commercial sources are especially solicited. Principal emphasis will be on packages designed for use in libraries, archives, information centres, data (fact) retrieval centres, and similar activities. The application areas will be broadly interpreted.

This is one of the most significant and important inventories produced by UNESCO. The actual execution of the inventory has been contracted to the National Center of Scientific and Technological Information (COSTI). If you would like your package to be included in this inventory and are prepared to respond to the rather detailed data sheets which will be required, please contact Mr Carl Keren, Director, National Center of Scientific and Technological Information (COSTI), P.O. Box 20125, Tel-Aviv 61201, Israel. Tel: 03-297781/292766, Telex 3-2332 CSTI IL.

In you initial reply please refer to: *UNESCO Inventory of Software Packages*, and indicate name(s) of package(s) to be submitted for the inventory and name of persons with full address, telephone and telex, who should be contacted for further details.

Dialnet

European users of Lockheed's Dialog — the world's largest and most widely used online information retrieval service — can now dial a London telephone number for direct access via a private satellite circuit to Dialog's computers in California. The new London facility, called Dialnet, removes the need for complicated log-on procedures as well as registration formalities with telecommunications authorities. Dialnet can accommodate a large number of simultaneous users with terminals transmitting and receiving information at 30 characters per second.

A high proportion of the information available on Dialog is of European origin; the introduction of Dialnet has drastically reduced the high costs of communicating across the Atlantic. Dialog is represented in Europe by Learned Information Ltd, P.O. Box 8, Abingdon, Oxford OX13 6EQ, England. Telephone (0865) 730969.

1981 Senior Librarians Award

The London and Home Counties Branch is again offering the Senior Librarians Award in 1981 at a value of up to £800, for use in 1982. The Award is available to Chartered Librarians with at least seven years' experience since election to the Register, and is normally awarded for use on personal research into specific areas of librarianship or information work, or into practical problems the solution of which is likely to result in improved library service either for users or staff.

Applications are now invited for this Award from intending candidates anywhere in the United Kingdom. Full details and application forms are available from the Hon. Publicity Officer of the Branch, Mark Lunt, Central Library, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, Phillimore Walk, London W8 7RX. 01-937 2542. The closing date for applications is 31 December, 1981.

PUBLICATIONS

House of Commons Background Papers

Further to our announcement in *Aslib Information* July/August 1981, we have received copies of the following *Background Papers* prepared by the House of Commons Library Research Division. Photocopies of these Background Papers can be supplied by Aslib at the prices indicated. Orders should be addressed to the Head of the Information Division at Aslib. All orders must be **PRE-PAID**.

BP-13
House of Commons Library Research Division.
Alternative economic strategies. 1980. 46 pages. Background Paper No. 82. £4.90.

BP-14
House of Commons Library Research Division.
Control of the money supply. 1980. 26 pages. Background Paper No. 83. £3.00.
(Previously listed in the Bibliographies Section of Aslib Information January 1981).

BP-15
House of Commons Library.
Patriation of the Canadian constitution. 1980. 9 pages. Background Paper No. 84. £1.20.

Engineering Index

The 1980 edition of the *Engineering Index Annual* is now available from stock held in England by Thompson, Henry Limited. The current price is £300. For the first time the *Annual* contains a Translation Index from monthly to annual accession numbers — a most useful feature for online users. The edition continues to include abstracts and bibliographic data arranged by subject, together with author and author affiliation indexes.

Publications Indexed for Engineering (PIE) is also printed in the Annual, and covers both Coden and non-Coden titles, with a special section on conference proceedings. Further information is available from: Thompson, Henry Limited, London Road, Sunningdale, Berks. SL5 0EP, England. Tel: (0990) 24615.

Library public relations: a practical handbook. Mona Garvey. New York: H. W. Wilson, 1980, 160p ISBN 0 8242 0651 7.

This book is a very practical approach to the problems of public relations. Ms Garvey is very enthusiastic about the various methods of attracting the public's attention which are open to librarians. She deals with all aspects. She has chapters on market research, planning, evaluation and promotion of services and also gives a lot of practical suggestions, from how to stick the posters on the wall to how to create the posters in the first place. On this last subject she provides a well illustrated section which gives examples of posters with explanations of how they were made and evaluations of why they were successful.

On the whole Ms Garvey's approach is geared mainly towards public libraries although many of her suggestions can be applied to academic or special libraries. If you like her informal approach to the users then you will find a great deal of practical help in her book.

University library history: an international review. Edited by James Thompson. London: Bingley, 1980. 330p ISBN 0 85157 304 5. £14.75.

The volume is a collection of fifteen papers designed to provide an international overview of the development of academic libraries. The editor discusses the developments briefly in his introduction.

Five of the papers are devoted specifically to the United Kingdom scene, and cover the growth of library collections, staffing, finance, co-operation between libraries, the founding of the Standing Conference of National and University Libraries, and a historical sketch of the libraries of London University.

The United States scene is covered in three papers, which trace the development of collection buildings in libraries, the history of the Library of Congress and research libraries, and staffing.

The papers which provide an international coverage are on the subjects of the history of academic buildings, library organisation and cataloguing and classification.

The last three papers trace library history in Italy, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. At the end of the volume ten black and white photographs, of historical interest, are given to illustrate the interiors of libraries in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Many of the papers have their texts supported by tables of statistics.

Communication at work. Florence Little. London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1980. 87p. ISBN 0 340 25264 2. £1.95.

This volume is concerned with oral, written, formal and informal, internal and external aspects of business communication.

It will prove invaluable to anyone who is interested in more effective communication. Each chapter is self contained, with exercises provided at the end of each one.

The first chapter covers the fundamentals of communication, while the following chapters provide advice on writing letters, memoranda, curricula vitae, essays and reports. One chapter discusses how to summarize texts, including precis writing. The chapter on oral communication provides helpful hints on how to take notes, and also how to use the telephone more effectively. The penultimate chapter considers how to draft notices and agenda and how to write minutes for meetings. The final chapter entitled 'other forms of communication' covers the design and completion of forms, drafting notices and persuasive writing. The conclusion sums up the contents of the volumes and provides suggestions on how to work efficiently in a business environment, while the appendix discusses parts of speech and punctuation marks.

Are you in-training? Library Association Industrial Group. London: (The Group), (1980). (66p)

The Library Association Industrial Group held a Seminar on training in small libraries on the 20th February 1980. Four papers were presented. The first paper by Alan Montgomery, entitled 'Why train?', discusses why training is necessary, training needs and the best methods to use. Ann Lawes' paper was entitled 'Induction Training', defined as 'a people process by which the new employee comes to terms with the social and cultural structures within which he or she will have to work'. 'Methods of Training' is the title of the paper by Angela Abell, and it deals with general principles, difference between small and large libraries, job description and job skills. Many points given in the paper are shown at the end of the paper in diagramatical and tabular form. D. F. Hawes discusses continuation training in the final paper and outlines the best methods such as courses, conferences and seminars.

Librarians as professionals: the occupation's impact on library work arrangements. William Joseph Reeves, Lexington, Mass: Lexington Press, 1980, 167p, ISBN 0 669 031631 £12.00.

The aim of the author is to discover whether the library associations are able to control the profession to the same degree that the more established professional bodies control their professions.

His study combines a survey of the policies published by the library associations with the survey of the work settings. In his conclusions he says that the enforcement of professional standards depends on attitudes within the work settings and not the legal and economic power of the occupation as a body. In this he feels librarianship is linked more closely to the technical and semi-professions than to the established professions.

The layout of the book is clear. It is divided into four sections entitled: The librarian's occupation; the impact of standards of librarianship in library work settings; the impact of the library on occupational orientations and work arrangements; a theory of occupational authority. Each chapter within the sections has clear headings and a short section of conclusions. This mitigates to some extent the difficulty caused by the author's style. This is heavily reliant on phrases and terminology which are not easily understood by readers who are unfamiliar with sociological jargon.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Classification Research Conference

The German member of the Fédération Internationale de Documentation (FID) – the German Society for Documentation (DGD Deutsche Gesellschaft für Dokumentation) in connection with the German Institution for Standardization (DIN Deutsches Institut für Normung) have invited the FID/Committee on Classification Research (FID/CR) to conduct its 4th International Study Conference on Classification Research in 1982 in the Federal Republic of Germany. It will take place in Augsburg, from 28 June to 2 July 1982 together with the 6th Annual Conference of the (German) Society for Classification (Gesellschaft für Klassifikation). Its theme is: 'Universal classification: subject analysis and ordering systems'.

With this topic not only universal classification systems are to be dealt with, it also suggests that classification should be approached from a universal point of view, even when using special classification systems and thesauri. There will be plenary meetings and workshops with presentations and discussions of contributions from all those active and interested. The following three major areas have been identified for contributions; general principles and policies; structure and logics of classification systems and other indexing languages for subject analysis of information; and practical use and empirical investigation.

Theoreticians and practitioners in the field of organization of knowledge (classification) are invited to send abstracts of possible papers between 500 and 1000 words length by 1 December 1981 to: FID/CR Secretariat, Woogstr. 36a, D-6000 Frankfurt 50, Germany. A jury will then select the papers for presentation and authors will be notified. Papers presented will be published in a proceedings volume, and are due by 1 May, 1982.

Current Awareness List

*All the items listed are recent additions to the Aslib Library and are available from the Library — books on loan and articles as photocopies at £0.10 a page + VAT (or one BLLD form per article). Please quote item number on requests. Items marked * are for reference only, but Aslib publications may be purchased from the Publications Sales Department. Material is arranged in the following broad subject categories.*

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Information sources
Special collections
Information for specific industries

USERS
User needs
User studies
User training
Service to special user groups

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Alan Pugh has had 14 years of technical experience in the telecommunications field acquired with British Telecom. This has covered the development of Modems, Facsimile systems and currently the BT Teletex Service. He is Vice-Chairman of CCITT Study Group VIII which deals with terminal equipment for telematic services, and is also Chairman of a CEPT Group dealing with the harmonization of Facsimile equipment.

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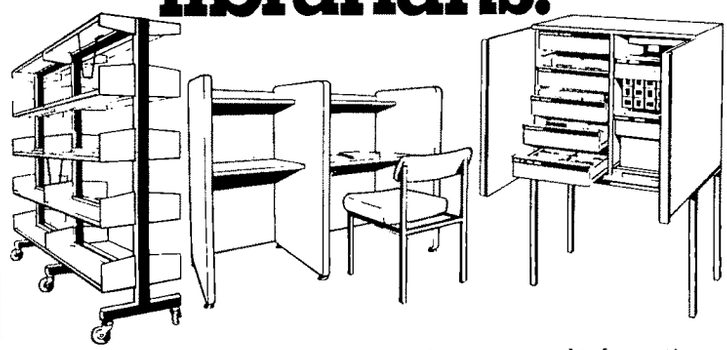

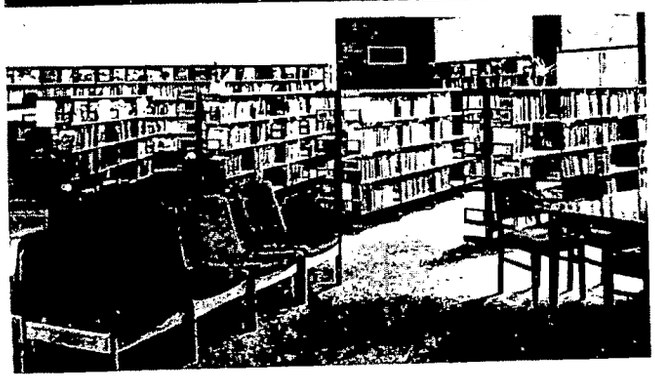

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Midland Hotel, Birmingham
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One-day meeting on Local Government Information
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Technique Groups

A—Audiovisual; I—Informatics; TT—Technical Translation.

HEADQUARTERS

Membership subscriptions 1982

Over a considerable period Aslib has been able to limit increases in membership subscriptions to modest levels, significantly less than those which might have been justified on the basis of inflation alone. This has been achieved by a strict control over operating costs and because it has been possible to secure above average increases in income from the sale of services, particularly publications, to both members and non-members on a world-wide basis.

In the present economic climate this is becoming considerably more difficult and Council have agreed to seek increases in subscription rates for corporate members in 1982 of between 11% and 12% whilst at the same time taking whatever further action is possible to contain costs. Similar increases will apply to Associate Members. Full details of the new rates will be sent to members as their subscriptions become due.

National Information Policy

The following submission has been made by the Council of Aslib to the Minister for the Arts on the *Observations by the Government on the Second and Fourth Reports from the Select Committee on Education, Science and the Arts*[1].

In the evidence which it gave to the Select Committee, Aslib suggested that any enquiry into library services in the United Kingdom should be conducted within the context of the development of a national information policy covering all aspects of the provision and exploitation of information and it welcomes the fact that both the Select Committee, in its report, and the Government, in its White Paper, have accepted the principle of this submission. However we regret that the Government has not been able to support the two major recommendations of the Select Committee, i.e. the appointment of a Minister of Cabinet rank and of a Standing Commission.

In particular Aslib welcomes the statements:

1. that the development of information provision should not be hampered by copyright problems;
2. that libraries and information services should be regarded as a single area of concern;
3. that the membership and functions of the Library Advisory Council will be reviewed and extended and its title changed to reflect a wider range of functions;
4. that the initiative will lie with the Minister for the Arts to raise matters of general concern on which action needs to be taken and that the professional staff of the Office of Arts and Libraries will be strengthened to enable the Minister to carry out these functions.

Whilst recognizing that these are positive and necessary steps in the establishment of machinery for developing a national information policy, they fall short of both the Select Committe's recommendations and of the proposals made by the various organizations which submitted evidence. There is also little indication in the White Paper that the Government has fully recognized the urgency or importance of information provision and exploitation as a vital factor in the country's industrial and commercial recovery.

We are doubtful that the machinery for consultation proposed in the White Paper will prove adequate to tackle the very wide range of problems covered by the Select Committee's report, although much will depend on the vigour with which the objectives are pursued by both the Office of Arts and

Libraries and the information management organizations which gave evidence to the Select Committee. Aslib recognizes that the providers and users of information carry a major responsibility for co-operating closely with the Government in the development of workable and acceptable policies, and for providing as much advice and encouragement as possible. Although disappointed that the Government has not found it possible to go the whole way along the road suggested, the Council would wish to express its firm commitment to working closely with the government in pursuit of the agreed objectives.

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Aslib 54th Annual Conference

A total figure of 357 delegates, exhibitors, local day visitors and Aslib staff enjoyed the 54th Annual Conference last September in Oxford, and enjoyment does really seem to have been the key to the Conference's success.

The beautiful setting must have had much to do with it: Oxford's 'dreaming spires'; the grand high old College Halls where good, home-cooked food was expeditiously served; the excellent and attractive facilities in the Zoology Department; a visits programme that included two of the country's outstanding stately homes and a great wealth of professional interest; while the weather was kind – though from time to time threatening, making one appreciate it even more.

For the social programme, a great debt of gratitude is owed to the University for hosting a reception in Wren's wonderful Sheldonian Theatre; while Blackwells' generosity in allowing the Conference to use medieval Fyfield Manor, their Antiquarian Book Department, and erecting a vast, rose-pink lined marquee on the lawn, ensured a delightful, informal Conference Reception with a positively ambrosial feast provided by Trinity College's superb cooks. Between whiles, in case anyone felt the need of entertainment for a moment, private receptions were generously given by Blackwells and Pergamon-Infoline and a disco continued the celebrations until midnight the final night.

After all this, the often heard remark 'one doesn't go to conferences for the programme' might spring to the lips, but in fact this would be quite untrue of Oxford this year. The Annual Conference Planning Committee masterminded a programme of a consistently high level, opening with John Osborn and Professor Peter Canisius reporting on progress on the provision of national information policies in the UK and Europe, and with contributors including Robert Maxwell, Anthony Smith (of *Goodbye Gütenberg*), and brought to a fascinating if somewhat surprising conclusion by Professor T. Stonier. The Group Sessions added greatly to the variety and depth of the proceedings, and Informatics 6, opened by Professor Margaret Boden and with such speakers as Maurice Line, Dr M. L. Blake and Pauline Duckitt, was a distinguished mini-conference in itself. The exhibition too added greatly to the value and interest for all those attending and hopefully for the exhibitors as well.

With such a distinguished array of speakers, the conference proceedings (which will be published in the January and February 1982 issues of *Aslib Proceedings*) should make particularly interesting reading. The proceedings of Informatics 6 will be published separately in December 1981 and orders are now being taken by the Aslib Publications Division.

All in all, quite a challenge for the planners of the 55th Annual Conference (in Manchester, 21–24 September 1982), a challenge that we hope all those who enjoyed Oxford will be confident can be met successfully next year.

The Future of Travel Information Services: a Conference within the World Travel Market
arranged by Aslib with the British Tourist Authority
3 December 1981, The Presentation Theatre, Olympia, London

Mrs Thatcher's Cabinet re-shuffle having removed Michael Marshall from the Department of Industry, issue of the programme has been delayed until his successor, John Wakeham, could be persuaded to open the Conference in his place. A joint venture of Aslib and the British Tourist Authority within the World Travel Market, the programme deploys a number of speakers in the travel and information business to describe how the demands of a growing and sophisticated travelling public are being met, while the writer and broadcaster Joan Bakewell will give an experienced traveller's view of the user's information needs and how successfully they are being catered for.

A vast range of new and often seemingly conflicting services for the travel industry will be demonstrated at the World Travel Market. Delegates to Olympia will find that, at *The Future of Travel Information Services,* they will be guided by experts through this maze of new technological possibilities as well as the more conventional information sources at present available. How does the travel industry see the issues and problems? What is the ideal to be achieved? (David Barr of the British Tourist Authority). What are the sources of travel and tourist information and what skills and training are needed for their most effective use? (Kevin Gavaghan, Thomas Cook Ltd). Technology to the rescue (or is it?): information skills and technology in travel information surveyed and assessed (W. Thom, English Tourist Board). Prestel and travel, by Richard Hooper, the Director of Prestel. Alan Beaver, author, lecturer and journalist, compares and evaluates CALTRAV and TRAVICOM.

This cooperation and conference is a first of its kind. On the eve of Information Technology Year it seeks to maximize information skills and technology in one of the country's most dynamic industries. Aslib sees it as an exciting opportunity to reach a new public, but many members concerned with travel information may find it interesting to attend. A programme and registration form accompany this issue and further copies can be obtained from The Conference Organizer, Aslib.

EURIM 5: a European conference on research into the management of information services and libraries
12–14 May 1982, Palais des Congrès, Versailles

The programme and registration form will be available by the end of the year. The response to the approach to the main centres of research concerned with information handling in the sponsoring countries has presented quite a challenge to select a balanced and varied programme from so many possibilities. The Committee believe it will be worth waiting for.

Concurrent with the programme of sessions will be an exhibition, expected to be a great enhancement to the conference, while the whole occasion, in the beautiful setting of Versailles' Palais des Congrès, should provide a unique opportunity both for the communication of recent research work to an international audience and for the exchange of ideas on key issues in the world of information. Contact: The Conference Organizer, Aslib.

COMPUTER GROUP

Would those existing members and those interested in joining this group please contact John Eyre, Polytechnic of North London, School of Librarianship, 207 Essex Road, London, N1 3PN preferably by letter. Please give the following information: Name, Position, Organization, Address to which notices are to be sent. If different from above, please give name of the organization registered as the member of Aslib. This information will be incorporated in a mailing list to ensure that all those interested will be kept informed of group activities. In the first instance all will receive a copy of the group Newsletter in which there will be a questionnaire requesting fuller information.

Bibliographies

In response to the entry in *Aslib Information* July 1974, and further to the lists given in recent issues, we have received and inspected the following bibliographies. Photocopies of these bibliographies can be supplied by Aslib at the price indicated. Orders should be addressed to the Head of the Information Division at Aslib. All orders must be **PRE-PAID.**

Bibl—1668
House of Commons Library Research Division.
Civil defence: a new urgency? 1981. 6 pages. Reference Sheet No. 81/4. £0.90.

Bibl—1669
House of Commons Library Research Division.
Education Bill. (Bill 48 of 1980/81). 1981. 21 pages. Reference Sheet No. 81/5. £2.40.

The following bibliographies are available direct from the issuing organizations. **PLEASE GIVE FULL DETAILS WHEN ORDERING** — the Bibliography number alone is not sufficient to enable the publishing organization to identify the item.

Bibl—1670
Agricultural Research Council. Weed Research Organization.
Selected references to the biology and control of mistletoes (Loranthaceae and Viscaceae): 1974—1979. (A supplement to Bibliography No. 67). 1979. 111 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. 136. UK £4.50. Overseas £5.40.
Available from: Weed Research Organization, Agricultural Research Council, Begbroke Hill, Yarnton, Oxford OX5 1PF.

Bibl—1671
Agricultural Research Council. Weed Research Organization.
Selected references to weed control in oil seed rape: 1973—1978. 1979. 88 refs. UK £4.00. Overseas £4.80.
Available from: Agricultural Research Council, Weed Research Organization, Begbroke Hill, Yarnton, Oxford OX5 1PF.

Bibl—1672
Bartlett School of Architecture and Planning.
Urban traffic and transport planning in developing countries: a selected bibliography. 1980. 31 pages.
Available from: Development Planning Unit, Bartlett School of Architecture and Planning, University College London, 9 Endsleigh Gardens, London WC1H 0ED.

Bibl—1673
Birmingham Public Library.
Stirling engine: a select bibliography. 1980. 152 refs. Technical Bibliography No. 12. £1.85 (cash with order).
Available from: Science and Technology Department, Birmingham Public Library, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham B3 3HQ.

Bibl—1674
Building Services Research and Information Association.
Building services maintenance — an annotated bibliography. 1980. 415 refs. Bibliography LB 108/80. £7.50 remittance with order.
Available from: Building Services Research and Information Association, Old Bracknell Lane, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 4AH.

Bibl—1675
Building Services Research and Information Association.
Supermarkets, shopping centres and department stores. 2nd edition. 1980. 96 refs. Bibliography LB 49/80.
Available from: Building Services Research and Information Association, Old Bracknell Lane, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 4AH.

Bibl—1676
Chartered Insurance Institute.
Select bibliography on insurance law. 1980. n.p.
Available from: Chartered Insurance Institute, 20 Aldermanbury, London EC2V 7HY.

Bibl—1677
Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux.
Contagious equine metritis (1977—1980). Compiled from references cited in The Veterinary Bulletin and Index Veterinarius between 1977 and March 1981. 1981. 174 refs. Annotated Bibliography No. 29A. £6.60 + airmail postage.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl—1678
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Pear rootstocks 1971—1980. 1980. 165 refs. UK £5.00. Overseas £6.00.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl—1679
Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
Some standard reference books on tropical crops. 1981. 225 refs. £7.70.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl—1680
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Palaeosols (1974—1978). 1979. 60 refs. UK £3.50. Overseas £4.20.
Available from: Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl—1681
Commonwealth Bureau of Soils.
Principles of soil classification (1972—1977). 1979. 182 refs. UK £5.00. Overseas £6.00.
Available from: Commonwealth Agriculture Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough SL2 3BN.

Bibl—1682
Department of Employment Library.
Incomes policy. 1980. 11 pages. Library Checklist: CL59 — 1980 (7).
Available from: Department of Employment Library, 12 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LL.

Bibl—1683
Department of Employment Library.
Job evaluation and job analysis. 1980. 4 pages. Library Checklist: CL60 — 1980 (11).
Available from: Department of Employment Library, 12 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LL.

Bibl—1684
Department of Health and Social Security Library.
Selected references on health and social services for ethnic minorities in Britain. (Supplement to Bibliography Series No. 95). 1980. 59 refs.
Available from: Department of Health and Social Security Library, Alexander Fleming House, Elephant and Castle, London SE1 6BY.

Bibl—1685
Departments of the Environment and Transport.
Energy and the environment: a select list of material based on the DOE/DTp Library. 1980. 248 refs. Library Bibliography 190(a). £1.15 + postage.
Available from: Headquarters Library, Department of the Environment/Department of Transport, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB.

Bibl—1686
International Organization for Standardization.
International Standards for machine tools. 1980. 18 pages. Bibliography 19.
Available from: International Organization for Standardization, Case postale 56, CH — 1211, Geneve 20, Switzerland.

Bibl—1687
Northampton Development Corporation.
Low-energy housing: a selection of recent articles in the NDC Library. 1980. 60 refs.
Available from: Northampton Development Corporation, Cliftonville House, Bedford Road, Northampton NN4 0AY.

Bibl—1688
Property Services Agency Library Service.
Health and safety in the construction industry: an annotated bibliography. 1980. 874 refs.
Available from: Property Services Agency Library Sales Office, Room C109, Whitgift Centre, Croydon CR9 3LY.

Bibl—1689
Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.
Occupational safety and health: a basic reading list. (7th edition). 1980. 48 pages. Library Bibliography No. 1. £5.00 cash with order.
Available from: RoSPA Library, Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, Cannon House, The Priory, Queensway, Birmingham B4 6BS.

Bibl—1690
University of London Library.
Some useful basic reference tools in Latin American studies available in the University of London Library. 1979. 6 pages.
Available from: University of London Library, Senate House, Malet Street, London SW1E 7HU.

Bibl—1691
Victorian Railways Library.
Leasing of equipment for railways. 1980. 107 refs. Literature Search No. 80—09.
Available from: Victorian Railways Library, 67 Spencer Street, Melbourne 3000, Victoria, Australia.

Bibl—1692
Victorian Railways Library.
Railway catering. 1980. 20 refs. Literature Search No. 80—10.
Available from: Victorian Railways Library, 67 Spencer Street, Melbourne 3000, Victoria, Australia.

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Access to reports in the UK: The role of DRIC

A summary follows of the paper presented at the Electronics Group meeting held on 18 May 1981.

Defence Research Information Centre. Jim Dunne.

The Defence Research Information Centre is a part of the Procurement Executive of the Ministry of Defence. As such its role is to provide a report-based scientific and technical information service to the UK defence community, and to a lesser extent, to co-operating countries overseas. DRIC's holdings comprise primarily limited distribution and classified reports. Thus whereas with the two other organizations represented at the meeting one will be interested essentially in what reports they hold and how to obtain copies, in the case of DRIC there is an extra and paramount consideration — are you qualified to have access to the documents concerned?

Fundamental Questions

If one considers the role of DRIC, there are certain questions which immediately spring to mind:

What do we hold?
Who may have access to our reports?
On what terms?
How can one learn of our holdings?
How does one request documents?
How does DRIC deal with document requests?

Considered individually—

What do we hold?

DRIC has holdings of approximately one million defence-oriented scientific and technical reports of UK and overseas origin. The main series of reports date back to 1946, although in some fields we hold reports issued at earlier dates. The history of DRIC's numerous antecedent organizations is too complicated to be described in this paper. It is sufficient to say that we still hold the bulk of the stock of these precursors, and that in some cases these will include openly available reports. However, since its formation in October 1971, DRIC's terms of reference have restricted its holdings, in the main, to limited distribution and classified documents. Copies of MOD unlimited reports are passed to TRC and to BLLD so that they may be made generally available. Similarly, unlimited reports of overseas origin are passed to TRC for wider dissemination.

It is not perhaps sufficiently appreciated that *unclassified* information is not generally available on request. For example, UK Government unclassified information may not, under the terms of the Official Secrets Act, be disclosed without authority.

Similarly, all US *unclassified* reports supplied to us by their Department of Defense are released on the understanding that they are for UK Government defence use only.

Unclassified reports may be sensitive not because they need to be safeguarded in the interest of national security, but for any of the following reasons:

(i) they contain references to classified documents;
(ii) they give an indication of policy or plans (e.g. committing the Department to a course of action, and hence prejudice contractual, patent or other negotiations);
(iii) they contain criticism of the Departments, other organizations, Governments or individuals;
(iv) their contents constitute 'technical advertising';
(v) the contents are prejudicial to industrial relations;
(vi) they contain information relating to costs;
(vii) their contents may be subject to commercial exploitation or prejudicial to commercial security;
(viii) their contents relate to military accidents (and might be prejudicial in subsequent litigation);
(ix) there is a requirement for the phased release of the information.

It was because of the need to identify those unclassified reports which do not contain 'sensitive' information that, early in the 1960s, the US Department of Defense introduced the so-called *unlimited* category of documents. The UK followed suit shortly afterwards, and more recently the Defence Departments in Canada and Australia have adopted this practice.

MOD *unlimited* documents are subject to a formal clearance procedure by the Security Branch, and are then completely free from limitations on their disclosure and dissemination.

To revert to the subject of our holdings, we try to acquire as comprehensive a collection of MOD R & D and T & E reports as possible. Similarly, we operate document exchange agreements with the US, Canadian and Australian defence Departments. We receive a more limited input of defence reports from Western European countries. We also have extensive holdings of NATO-produced reports, particularly the AGARD series for which we are the UK National Distribution Centre. We also have extensive holdings of NASA-originated reports.

Who may have access to our reports?

Generally speaking, access to our holdings of limited distribution and classified reports is restricted to the UK defence community, i.e. MOD and its contractors. Access by MOD is covered by the Department's security regulations.

For MOD contractors the situation is more complex. Access to MOD unclassified and classified reports is subject to authorization by the pertinent MOD Release Authority, usually the Branch, Division or Establishment originating the report. In some instances, the Release Authorities stipulate evidence of a specific need-to-know before considering applications for unclassified reports.

Requests for overseas limited distribution unclassified and classified reports are not normally referred back to the country of origin. Overseas unclassified reports are usually released as long as we are satisfied that there is prima facie evidence that the documents are required for UK Government defence purposes, i.e. the requester is a MOD contractor and the document is 'in scope'.

I have used words such as 'normally' and 'usually' because, unfortunately, access to limited distribution reports is bedevilled with exceptions. There is one such exception of particular significance to the electronics community. DRIC receives a number of US reports on electronics devices through the MOD Directorate of Components, Valves and Devices (DCVD). Release of these reports outside MOD, even if they are unclassified, is subject to the approval of DCVD who insist on a specific need-to-know. It is only fair to point out that this arrangement is part of a reciprocal agreement with DCVD's counterpart in the US, the Advisory Group on Electronics Devices.

For classified reports, of all types, of overseas origin, we insist on a validated need-to-know, i.e. confirmation by the relevant MOD Project Officer, that the requested document is required in the context of the specified contract.

A small proportion of our reports are openly available, i.e. *unlimited.* These comprise a proportion of the reports accessioned by DRIC's antecedent organizations, most NASA report series, and nearly all AGARD reports. MOD and its contractors can obtain copies of these documents from DRIC without any clearance procedures. In many cases, these requirements are met by our initial standard distributions of these reports.

For those outside the UK defence community, we make copies of MOD, NASA, AGARD and other overseas *unlimited* reports available to TRC. We also supply copies of MOD and AGARD *unlimited* reports to BLLD. BLLD makes its own arrangements for acquiring comprehensive holdings of NASA and other overseas *unlimited* reports. TRC and BLLD thus constitute the sources of supply of these documents for non-defence requesters.

On what terms are reports made available?

As DRIC concentrates its efforts on providing a service to the UK defence community, we do not levy charges.

Documents sent on initial distribution are for the recipients' retention.

Outside MOD, documents supplied in response to requests are normally sent on loan. The staff situation does not permit routine recall action except in the case of *secret* documents.

How can our customers learn of our holdings?

The principal vehicle for announcing reports recently received in DRIC is our 'Defence Research Abstracts' series of bulletins. These are issued monthly. There is a *restricted* edition for MOD contractors and a more highly classified edition for use within MOD.

The monthly issues of DRA include subject, personal author, report number and DRIC accession number indexes. Semi-annual and annual cumulations of a more extensive suite of indexes are also issued.

Although the Contractors Edition of DRA is *restricted* we have received a special dispensation to release this bulletin to organizations which have *unclassified* R & D contracts sponsored by the UK Ministry of Defence.

Moreover, although the 'Contractors Edition' is *restricted,* it does include bibliographical details and abstracts of more highly classified reports, providing these details, etc., are graded not higher than *restricted.*

Within MOD, we also operate a Standard Profile SDI service – comprising a monthly listing of relevant reports on 40 discrete topics. The total distribution comprises some 1500 Profiles per month, going to about 100 addressees within the Ministry. We regret that staff stringencies preclude the extension of this service outside MOD.

For both MOD and its contractors, we provide a literature search service. Our literature searches cover not only our in-house holdings but the major commercial on-line systems, such as ESA/IRS, BLAISE, Lockheed DIALOG and SDC ORBIT. It is of course only in respect of our in-house holdings that we can supply the documents identified in the results of our literature searches.

How do our customers request reports from DRIC?

All requests should be made on our DRIC REQ 1 'Request for Document' forms. Telephone requests are strongly discouraged as they occupy a disproportionable amount of staff time and there can be problems as to the accuracy of the information provided.

The multipart DRIC form enables the requester to retain one copy. The preprinted serial number makes it easy to match the document as supplied by DRIC with the original request.

Use of the form helps to ensure that adequate information is provided. If the requested report has been identified from DRA, it is sufficient to quote the DRIC Accession Number (P- or BR- number) and some corroborative detail, preferably Report Originator and Report Serial Number. In all other cases, the fullest possible information should be provided.

For requests from outside MOD, we frequently need to validate the requester's need-to-know. This action will be greatly facilitated by provision of relevant information in Section 10 of our request form. By relevant details, we mean: name, branch and if possible telephone number and extension of the MOD project officer concerned.

How does DRIC deal with document requests?

The short answer to this question is – as speedily as possible.

However, I would like to reiterate what I have said earlier. Except in the case of *unlimited* reports, DRIC is not the release authority for the reports it holds.

Thus for reports of UK origin, we need to obtain the consent of the sponsoring MOD Department. There may be other clearance (e.g. patents, proprietary rights, etc.). For unclassified overseas reports we do have delegated powers to meet requests, subject to any stated conditions of release. For classified reports of overseas origin, we have to obtain confirmation from the relevant MOD Project Officer that the document requested is relevant to the stated need.

All these steps may introduce delays. So might the stock position at DRIC. It is impossible for us to retain a copy of every report in our stockrooms. The situation can easily arise in which all copies are out on loan. Although recall notices may be promptly despatched, they do not always meet with a speedy response.

As a consequence of recent staff cuts, our manning levels have been further reduced. Not only have we had to discontinue certain activities, but we have had to absorb cuts in areas where there has been no reduction in work-load. This inevitably means that staff absences will result in a delayed service. We are seeking to mitigate this adverse effect by a more flexible disposition of staff. However, there are limits to the efficacy of this policy.

Future prospects

I do not see any concrete prospects for improved access to defence-oriented limited and classified information.

There have been over the last decade or so, two initiatives to modify the scope of the Official Secrets Act. These have come to nought. In the United States they have had, since 1974, a Freedom of Information Act. In the UK, I think I am right in saying there have been two 'Official Information' Bills introduced into the House of Commons with the limited aim of establishing a general right of access to official documents for members of the public. These bills, if enacted, would no doubt have widened access at least to unclassified information. These bills also foundered. Thus I do not see any immediate prospect for improved access. Rather, at a purely practical level, there is the distinct possibility of further staff cuts within MOD. If DRIC is not exempt (and this would be most unlikely), it could only mean that we have to curtail some of our current services.

This is a rather gloomy note to end on, but does reflect the current situation.

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AEBIG events

Further news of the half-day seminar on small businesses, and the visit to the Equal Opportunities Commission, both mentioned in the last *AEBIG News.* The seminar, entitled *Information for small business,* will be on the afternoon of 11 November. Speakers will include Terry Hanstock, Commerce and Law Librarian at Sheffield Public Libraries, and Richard Bennett of Capital Planning Information. Seekers after further information should contact Margaret Johnston on 01-606 3030 ext. 2840. The visit to the EOC is on 12 December, and the attractions on offer will include a short film, a tour of the library, and speakers from the Research and Statistics Departments. Further details from Lindsay Churchill on 0332 42424 ext. 9.

Honours List

Congratulations to AEBIG committee member Lindsay Churchill on her recent promotion from Marketing Information Officer to Librarian at Rolls Royce. Her new telephone extension indicates her vastly enhanced status — she changes from ext. 1848 to ext. 9.

Birth announcements

Two committee members have recently become the proud fathers of girls. Tim Owen was first, on 10 July, with a baby daughter named Kitty, and Nigel Oxbrow followed on 8 August, with a baby daughter named Kate. Mothers and babies are all doing well and collusion in the matter of names is not suspected.

USM 163 Update

The Unlisted Securities Market is one year old this month, and the great need for published news, information and comment on unlisted securities and dealings under Stock Exchange rule 163 has now, it is claimed, been answered by the launch of the *USM/163 Update service.* This includes a monthly update, an interim update, published every ten days, and a monthly sector report. There is a special introductory offer for the first year only of £75 for the total service (after that the price is £100). USM/163 are waiting to rush you sample copies and subscription details, from 147 Connaught Avenue, Frinton-on-Sea, Essex CO13 9AH. And for those to whom the unlisted securities market is still something of a mystery, there is an investor's guide to unlisted securities in *Investor's chronicle,* 11 September 1981, p. 630–635, which includes an answer to the vital question — what is the unlisted securities market?

LA seminars on content and uses of the 1981 Census

The first local results from the 1981 Census are almost upon us, and the Committee of Librarians and Statisticians and OPCS are arranging two one-day seminars on its content and uses. The courses, to be held on Wednesday and Thursday 16 and 17 December 1981 at the Library Association are intended for librarians, information scientists, planners, market researchers and others who make use of census information or who may be called upon to help users find their way around 1981 Census publications. These seminars are part of the educational programme of the Committee of Librarians and Statisticians, a joint body set up in 1966 by the Library Association and the Royal Statistical Society.

Day 1 will be a general introduction to the British Census and speakers from OPCS will explain the variety of census output, the 1981 Census publishing timetable, and the importance of understanding definitions and the continuity of census topics. Professional librarians will put forward their views on accessing the range of statistics on the census in academic, public and special libraries.

Day 2 will concentrate on specific uses of census data. An introduction to Small Area Statistics (SAS) will include practical examples in handling particular enquiries and accessing. The afternoon will be devoted to workshops on the use of census statistics for national and local history, local authority planning, business and market research and in social and health analyses.

The seminars will be held at the LA and chaired by Martin Fessey, Chairman of the Committee of Librarians and Statisticians and formerly Director of the Business Statistics Office.

The cost for each day is £20 or £30 for both days, including lunch and refreshments, and interested parties should contact the Development Secretary at the LA, post-haste.

Publications

Capital Planning Information. *Industrial relations in Britain: a guide to sources of information.* (CPI Information Review No. 5). CPI, 1980. 63pp. ISBN 0 906011 09 4.

This is a systematic and evaluative review of the diverse information sources in a subject of vital current importance. It surveys information resources for the whole field of British industrial relations today, that is, the relationships between the parties in industry as they are now organized. It includes relationships between the individual employee and employer, between the union and its members, between unions and employer, and the involvement of Government in all these relationships. Some international comparative studies are included.

Carol Smart, author of this review, is Librarian-in-Charge of Coventry Reference Library, and has been responsible for the establishment in Coventry of the Tom Mann Centre for Trade Union and Labour Studies, the only public library based collection designed to give an information service in these subjects. She has lectured to professional associations on information resources in industrial relations, and her paper on that subject is in *Aslib proceedings* July/August 1980.

The review is available from CPI, at 6 Castle Street, Edinburgh EH2 3AT, price £10.50.

Foster, Allan. *Which database? An evaluative guide to online bibliographic databases in business and the social sciences.* £9.95. Headland Books, 1981. ISBN 0 906889 03 0.

Database users who have in the past shed bitter tears wading through reams of lists of predominantly scientific and technological databases, in the hope of finding one or two that might satisfy their non-technological needs, will be pleased to hear of this guide to 35 of the leading business and social science databases, compiled by Allan Foster, Deputy Librarian at Preston Polytechnic. *Which database* answers such key questions as which databases to use for specific subjects, what are the strengths and weaknesses of individual databases, how databases compare in coverage, cost and retrieval capabilities, which systems offer which databases, which databases offer SDI, and many more. *Which database* is available as a spiral bound report of around 60 pages or as a microfiche, at the modest prices of £9.95 and £7.95 respectively. There is to be an annual update service, too, at £4.95 on paper or fiche.

And finally, a pat on the back . . .

. . . for the *AEGB directory* from Harry Cemach, chairman of ANBAR, in his submission to the Department of Trade concerning the Green Paper on reform of the law of copyright — a submission in which he objects to the 'arbitrary distinction' between research carried out for the business ends of a commercial organization, and research carried out by other bodies. Such an arbitrary distinction would split the information processing community down the centre, he says. A quick analysis of the 1980 *AEBIG directory — 'perhaps the best available list of information industry practitioners in the UK'* — gives particulars of 300 corporate members, of which 159 are in the private sector and 161 in the public one.

News

EVENTS

UK Online User Group seminar

The UK Online User Group have organized a seminar 'Online search systems and command languages' on 9–10 November in London. This 1½ day course is a postponement of the course originally planned for 1–2 September.

The aim of the course is to provide inexperienced searchers with a rational approach to learning the many systems available. An important feature will be the length of time available for hands-on participation under expert guidance. The programme will comprise an afternoon comparing search systems and commands and discussing criteria for choosing a system. The second day will be occupied with demonstrations of different systems (probably Lockheed, SDC, Pergamon-Infoline, Blaise, IRS, and Data Star) followed by practical exercises.

For further details please contact: Daphne Clark, The Library, The Hatfield Polytechnic, P.O. Box 110, Hatfield, Herts. AL10 9AD. Tel: Hatfield 68100 ext. 264.

Techniques in User Studies

A one day intensive course on this topic, organized by the Centre for Research on User Studies at the University of Sheffield, will take place on 17 November 1981 at Earnshaw Hall, University of Sheffield. The course aims to introduce participants to the wide range of basic techniques available for user studies. Speakers include Colin Harris, Chris Beal and Brian Clifford.

The course fee is £20 and applications should be sent as soon as possible. Contact: Christina Beal, Course Organizer, Centre for Research on User Studies, University of Sheffield, 8 Palmerston Road, Sheffield, S10 2TE. Tel: (0742)738608 or 78555 ext. 6049.

Continuing education workshops

Each year the College of Librarianship Wales (CLW) offers a series of short workshops on a variety of topics relevant to current developments in librarianship and information science. Each course lasts between 3 and 5 days. The provisional programme for 1982 includes:

29 March–1 April	Do-it-yourself book conservation
29 March–1 April	Information work for careers officers
29 March–1 April	Online bibliographic searching
29 March–1 April	Public library bookstock: selection, arrangement and display
28 June–3 July	Media technology
5–9 July	Basic video production
12–17 July	Tape-slide programme production
19–23 July	Management for educational technology
6–10 September	Selling the service: library publicity and promotion

The College of Librarianship Wales is one of the few institutions in the world with buildings and support facilities designed specifically for the teaching of librarianship and information science. For example, special teaching areas are available for instruction on automated systems, reprography and the use and production of AV materials. All lecture and seminar rooms are equipped with the most up-to-date teaching aids, including closed circuit television.

Campus accommodation is available for all workshop participants. Details of all courses are available from the Director of Short Courses, College of Librarianship Wales, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, SY23 3AS.

Word processors and you

The Herfordshire Association of Special Libraries (HASL) has choosen 'Word processors and you' as the title for their annual conference which will be held at Bayfordbury (the home of the National Reprographic Centre for documentation) near Hertford on Tuesday 24 November. Next year will be Information Technology Year so HASL are getting in early by holding a conference on this theme in November. There is a considerable amount of interest in the use of word processors in libraries and 'Word processors and you' will give a basic introduction to the word processor, an explanation of the alternative equipment available and the ways in which it can be used within a library or information unit. The conference has been planned as a joint venture with the NRCd to take advantage of their contacts and extensive expertise in the impartial evaluation of word processors and their use.

The conference fee will be £15 to members of HASL or the NRCd and £19 to non members. A full programme and booking form can be obtained from Mrs Jean Bridge, Roche Products Ltd., 40 Broadwater Road, PO Box 8, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. AL7 3AY.

NOTES

Study of CIP programme

The Centre for Catalogue Research at Bath University is carrying out a study of the use made of 'Cataloguing-in-Publication' (CIP) information by libraries in the United Kingdom. Both publishers and librarians have an interest in maintaining the value and utility of the CIP programme. However, scarcely any quantitative data on the programme is available in the United Kingdom to assist decision making on future developments affecting all aspects of the book trade and library communities.

The study, which will be carried out in a random selection of libraries, will endeavour to establish the *actual use* made of the information. The intention is that it will supplement a larger questionnaire survey which is soon to be carried out by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Universal Bibliographic Control Office into the *perceived value* of CIP. The Centre is working closely with the Office and also has the ready co-operation of the Bibliographic Services Division of the British Library. The additional costs to the Centre of undertaking this study will be shared equally between the British Library's Bibliographic Services Division and the Research and Development Department.

It is hoped that the results of the Centre's study will make a significant contribution to the United Kingdom's presentation at the International Cataloguing-in-Publication Meeting organized by IFLA in association with Unesco which is to be held at Ottawa during August 1982. The Meeting is intended to be a small gathering of experts with actual involvement in the problems of CIP. It will include representatives of operational CIP programmes, national publishers' associations, authors of studies such as the one to be undertaken at Bath, and representatives of interested international organizations, for example, the International Publishers' Association.

Further information may be obtained from Mary Overton, tel: Llangybi (057045) 394 or Philip Bryant and Alan Seal at the Centre for Catalogue Research. Tel: Bath (0225) 61224 ext. 580.

Oriental Reading Room reopens

The British Library Department of Oriental Manuscripts and Printed Books has moved from its Great Russell Street address and is now housed at 14 Store Street, London WC1E 7DG. The new Oriental Reading Room, on the second floor, opened on Tuesday 15 September 1981. The telephone remains the same (01-636 1544 ext. 259).

Capital Planning Information

In order to accommodate the further development of the company and to provide for a more central location within the United Kingdom, Capital Planning Information have moved from their Tunbridge Wells office. Don Kennington, Chairman and Joint Managing Director of CPI, is now based at 'Stoneleigh',

49 Main Street, Empingham, Leicestershire LE15 8PE. Tel: Empingham (078086) 663.

The company's Head Office remains at 6 Castle Street, Edinburgh EH2 3AT (Tel: 031-226 4367). The company has recently completed work on a study of national repository plans and programmes and is currently involved in a range of projects, including compilation of a directory of audio-visual aids in archives management for Unesco, the design of a personnel information system for the Government of Fiji, and the major British Library-funded study of 'Information needs of small businesses'.

For further information contact: Evelyn Sandie, 6 Castle Street, Edinburgh EH2 3AT. Tel: 031-226 4367.

EUROLEX

As the first British-based, non-dedicated legal information retrieval service, EUROLEX has been in commercial operation for over a year, during which time much has been achieved in the continuous process of database expansion and diversification. EUROLEX now offers a comprehensive range of essential primary sources from both the United Kingdom with, amongst others, Weekly Law Reports, Times Law Reports and Current Law, and other European jurisdictions, including Common Market Law Reports and the Official Journal 'L' Series.

EUROLEX is now making the service readily available to all members of the legal profession, whether corporate, private or academic, by waiving the basic £1,000 subscription for 1982. Thus new users will have access to the full EUROLEX libraries paying only for their usage of the service.

For further information contact: Charles Arthur, EUROLEX, 4 Bloomsbury Square, London WC1A 2RL. Tel: 01-404 4300.

MEDLINE database

DIALOG Information Services, Inc. has added the National Library of Medicine's MEDLINE database to its computerized reference system. DIALOG now provides the entire MEDLINE file back to 1966 online. More than three million MEDLINE citations to biomedical journal articles are now available for immediate searching.

MEDLINE corresponds to three printed indexes long recognized as leading sources of biomedical information: *Index Medicus*, *Index to Dental Literature*, and *International Nursing Index*. The database is divided into three separate files covering the years 1966 to the present. Combined with the other DIALOG service biomedical files such as Excerpta Medica, Biosis Previews, and Scisearch, MEDLINE gives users access to more than 11 million records for medical and bio-sciences research.

MEDLINE is now available through DIALOG to anyone in the U.S., Canada, Australia, and many other countries worldwide. For further information, contact George Plosker, DIALOG Information Services, Inc., 3460 Hillview Avenue, Palo Alto, California 94304, USA.

PUBLICATIONS

House of Commons Background Papers

Further to our announcement in *Aslib Information* July/August 1981, we have received copies of the following *Background Papers* prepared by the House of Commons Library Research Division. Photocopies of these Background Papers can be supplied by Aslib at the prices indicated. Orders should be addressed to the Head of the Information Division at Aslib. All orders must be **PRE-PAID.**

BP-16
House of Commons Library Research Division.
Civil Service statistics. 1980. 20 pages. Background Paper No. 85. £2.30.

BP-17
House of Commons Library.
The European Community Budget 1981 and Britain. 1980. 15 pages. Background Paper No. 86. £1.80.

BP-18
House of Commons Library.
Poland, the USSR and the West. 1980 updated to 10 April 1981. 24 pages. Background Paper No. 87. £2.70.

Biological sciences research directory published

A new edition of *Research in British Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges* Volume Two 'Biological Sciences' has been published by the British Library. The directory provides a current register of academic research in the medical and paramedical sciences, zoology, botany and agriculture. It is a valuable reference work for anyone interested in British research in these and related fields. Approximately 18,500 projects are listed, an increase of 40% on the first edition published in December 1979. The arrangement remains the same as in the first edition, with a detailed subject 'keyword' index providing access to the main body of the directory, arranged in broad subject groups. A new edition of Volume One 'Physical Sciences' was published earlier this year, the updated edition of Volume Three 'Social Sciences' is due to be published soon.

Research in British Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges Vol. 2. Biological Sciences. 2nd ed. 1981, pp xiv, 782, Paperback. ISBN 0 900220 88 0. Price £20.00. Available from Publications Section, The British Library Lending Division, Boston Spa, Wetherby, West Yorkshire LS23 7BQ.

European Communities bibliography

Policy formation in the European Communities: a bibliographical guide to Community documentation 1958–1978. Compiled by M. Hopkins. London: Mansell, 1981. 360p. ISBN 0 7201 1597 3. £24.50.

The documents prepared by the Commission of the European Communities offer a unique insight into the development and application of Community policy. They constitute a rich source of primary data for those who wish to undertake research into European integration. They are equally valuable for businessmen, civil servants and others whose activities are affected by Community rules and regulations.

The purpose of this first comprehensive guide to such documents is to contribute to their better appreciation and more effective exploitation. More than 600 important reports, communications and memoranda prepared by the Commission during the period from 1958 to 1978 are described in detail. Attention is concentrated on the major blueprints upon which Community policy is based, the documents in which principles are established, objectives set and legislative programmes proposed.

Reviews

Library networks, 1981–82. Susan K. Martin, White Plains, N.Y.: Knowledge Industry, 1981, 160p (Professional Librarians Series) ISBN 0 914236 66 0, $24.50.

This book is both a survey of the existing state of the US networks and an assessment of their likely development. Developing her arguments that the networks are not an end in themselves but a means to an end, and that they must reflect their members' needs, Susan Martin considers the possibility of a national network. She rejects the idea of this being a monolithic structure. Instead she feels that if a national network does develop, it will do so out of the existing smaller networks and not be created by Washington.

The book gives a detailed survey of the present state of the networks. There is a chapter which surveys the four large networks OCLC Inc; RLIN; LITLAS and WLN. The appendix gives membership details of these networks as well as other, smaller, networks. Susan Martin also gives a great deal of

practical advice to those libraries considering joining a network. This includes a discussion of the suppliers, consideration of the decisions that have to be made before selecting a system and the problems of network management.

She also includes a glossary which is a useful reference tool.

Copies in copyright. J. H. Spoor, W. R. Cornish and P. F. Nolan. Alphen aan den Rijn: Sijhoff and Noordhof, 1980. 186p. ISBN 90 286 0350 6 (Monographs on industrial property and copyright law vol IV). Dfl. 75.00.

This book is concerned with the rights of the author over the copying of his work. It consists mainly of the English translation, by Bernard Noble, of J. H. Spoor's 1976 Utrecht thesis. This thesis entitled 'Copies in continental copyright' deals with the right of reproduction and with the exhaustion of copyright, or first sale doctrine, in German, Dutch and French law and the Berne Convention.

This is supplemented by the two shorter sections, the first by W. R. Cornish on copies in UK copyright, the second by Peter F. Nolan on copies in US copyright.

The Library and Information manager's guide to online services. Edited by Ryan E. Hoover. White Plains, New York: Knowledge Industry, 1980. 269p (Professional Librarian Series) ISBN 0 914236 520 £19.95.

The editor intends this book to be a guide for library and information managers who have not yet instituted computerized services, as well as anyone interested in the nature, management and techniques of online searches.

Kathleen E. Shenton writes on the types of databases available. Alice Bahr contributes a chapter on the producers and vendors of bibliographic online services and a chapter on the promotion of online services. Management on online information retrieval services is covered by Donald T. Hawkins, while John C. Blair's chapter deals with measurement and evaluation by online services. Training the searcher is dealt with by Kristyn Kuroki, online user groups by Mary C. Berger and Barbara Quint. The editor, Ryan E. Hoover, contributes overviews of online information and the future of online services and libraries as well as a chapter on the mechanics of online searching.

There is a short glossary of online terms covering the basic terminology and a selected bibliography.

Fiction librarianship. Frank Atkinson. London: Bingley, 1981. 107p. (Outlines of modern librarianship) ISBN 0 85157 293 6. £4.75.

In his preface (p. 7) Frank Atkinson says that, despite the controversy that has always surrounded the provision of fiction in libraries, librarians will have to cope with fiction for the foreseeable future. His book discusses the major problems of fiction provision.

It covers the main aspects: selection, acquisition, binding, preservation and promotion. He also devotes one chapter to the special problems of providing fiction for children and young people.

Fiction provision is mainly a problem for public libraries and his book reflects this. However there is a survey chapter on fiction in other types of libraries, for example university libraries, prison libraries and hospital libraries.

This book is a good introduction to fiction librarianship written with the student librarian in mind.

Do we really need libraries? John Blagden. London: Bingley, 1980. 162p. ISBN 0 85157 308 8. £7.75.

This volume is intended as a non technical guide which attempts to show the approaches taken to justify the investment in a library.

It is written by a practising librarian, for other librarians, especially those in managerial positions and will be of particular interest to many librarians who have to justify their services in these days of financial difficulties.

In his introduction Blagden states 'The first half of this book, i.e., up to an including chapter five, is a review of approaches and problems associated with library performance assessment'. In the following chapter, two case studies of the introduction of new approaches to performance assessment are given. The first study is of the Greater London Council, while the second is of the introduction of a more ambitious project at the British Institute of Management.

In the final chapter, the author formulates the points he has raised in the preceding chapters, and provides some views for the future, including indicating the need for research.

Throughout the text the author makes a great deal of use of quotations and obviously the bibliography is very extensive.

Encyclopedia of information systems and services. 4th edition. Edited by Anthony T. Kruzas and John Schmittroth. Detroit: Gale Research, 1981. 936p. ISBN 0 8103 0942 4. $175.00.

The fourth edition of *Encyclopedia of Information Systems and Services* is now available. Like its predecessors, this new edition is a comprehensive guide to organizations which provide bibliographic, full-text, numeric and other types of computer processed information in all subjects. The coverage is international.

While the basic nature of the Encyclopedia remains the same, there has been a change in scope and appearance. Due to the explosive growth in production and use of information systems of all kinds, utilization of publicly available systems is so widespread that the compilers no longer consider it useful to list organizations which access such systems. Consequently almost 500 libraries in the 3rd edition have been omitted and replaced by over 700 new operations identified since the publication of the previous edition.

The change in appearance is due to the introduction of a computer-directed typesetting system for its production. Names of organizations and subheadings within each entry are now in boldface type to facilitate quick and easy identification. Furthermore, the typesetting system has resulted in a computer-readable database for the Encyclopedia which will support updating and publication of future editions.

A copy is available for reference in the Information Services Department at Aslib.

Book theft and library security systems 1981–82. Alice Harrison Bahr. White Plains, N.Y: Knowledge Industry, 1981. 156p. (Professional Librarian Series) ISBN 0 914236 71 7. $24.50.

Alice Bahr writes in her introduction that there is no definitive solution to the problem of book theft. There are however several security systems which effectively cut down the numbers of books stolen. The aim of this report is to supply librarians with the necessary information to choose a system.

She begins at the very start of the planning process with a chapter on how to discover the extent of the problem facing the library. Three methods are described; book census, inventory and samples. These are discussed from a practical view, i.e. the problems of disruption of normal library services.

Next she moves to the systems available. This is largely devoted to a discussion of electronic security systems. Descriptions are given of the systems available from Checkpoint, Sentronic, L.P.S. International, 3M Company, Knogo & Gaylord. Understandably these are American manufacturers but 3M and Checkpoint have UK offices. The systems used by bookstores are given a special chapter because of the intensity of their problem and the comparison with the problems facing libraries. This section is rounded off by users' reports on the systems.

The alternatives to electronic systems are examined in the next chapter. It looks at the advantages and disadvantages of using guards, patrols, restricted access, registrations and circulation systems as weapons against theft.

Lastly the special problems of protecting journals, non print and special collections are examined. These pose different problems and are more difficult to solve.

Throughout the book Alice Bahr is aware that each library has different problems and must develop its security systems

to reflect this. The summary gives a brief recap, with clearly indicated priorities for the libraries to follow.

As well as the various systems available Alice Bahr makes the point that library staff play an essential role in security. When planning a system the reaction of the staff must be taken into consideration or risk the system failing.

The book aims to be a practical guide to the librarian. The layout and style reflect this. It is a thorough guide to the systems without being over-detailed or confusing.

Machine translation, by Bozena Henisz-Dostert, R. Ross Macdonald and Michael Zarechnak. The Hague: Mouton, 1979, 265p. (Trends in Linguistics Studies and Monographs 11) ISBN 90 279 78360. Dm 75.

The first section by Michael Zarechnak explores the history of machine translation, and the author presents a variety of views on the development of machine translation.

In the following section, by R. Ross Macdonald, the various problems of machine translation are discussed, including text, computers, pre-editing, transcription and the dictionary. Separate discussions are given to processing, post editing and the various types of systems available.

Bozena Henisz-Dostert contributed the final section on users' evaluation of machine translation at Euratom and AEC Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Discussion is given to the methods used for evaluation, including data collection, questionnaires used and an analysis of the results. The appendix contains three items; the questionnaire used to evaluate machine translation, a partial list of clients of the European Translations Centre, and a sample of solicited and unsolicited users' letters evaluating machine translations.

An extensive bibliography is included and also samples of machine translation.

ISBD (A): International Standard Bibliographic Description for Older Monographic Publications (Antiquarian). International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions. London: IFLA International Office for UBC. 1980. 59p. ISBN 0 903043 27 0. £8.00.

The introduction states 'The ISBN (A) is intended to provide for the description of older books in general catalogues, bibliographies and databases containing records of approximately equal detail for books, and other library material, of all periods, and has been developed within the ISBD (G) framework and its annotated text'. The ISBD (A) differs from the ISBD (M) (Monographic publications) in three areas: title, imprint and collation.

The first section is intended to aid cataloguers in understanding ISBD (A) and provides general notes on punctuation, sources of information, language and script abbreviations, capitalization and imperfections. The order of areas, elements and punctuation in ISBD (G) and ISBD (A) are compared.

The second part of the works deals with specification of elements, including title, statement of responsibility, edition, type of material, publication, physical description, series, note and fingerprint area and multi-volume publications.

Examples of English, French, German, Hungarian, Portuguese and Russian language material are provided.

The principles of librarianship. Donald Urquhart. Leeds: Wood Garth Press, 1981. 98p ISBN 0 950 7501 07. £4.50.

This work discusses the principles of librarianship in depth, and the two basic laws: 'libraries are for users', and 'libraries have to be paid for' are discussed in detail in two chapters. In the second part of his work. Urquhart shows how the principles can be put into practice, and he draws on his experiences at the Science Museum Library and the National Lending Library. He pays particular attention to staffing, library records, research, and the dependency of libraries upon each other. The author also summarises what he considers the eighteen principles of librarianship in point form. The appendices provide information on statistics for librarians, lending by the British Museum Library, reviewing research proposals, the various 'laws' of librarianship, including 'Urquhart's laws' on inter-library demand, and a review of the orginal ideas for the National Lending Library.

Financing serials from the producer to the user; proceedings of the UK Serials group conference held at University of Technology, Loughborough 3–6 April 1979. Edited by David P. Woodworth. (London): U.K. Serials Group (1980). 112. ISBN 0 906148 014.

The thirteen papers cover a wide selection of topics associated with journals. The topics include the role of government in journal provision, market research, and user needs in journal publishing, economics of microform publishing, strategies for journal publishing, Blackwell's Periodical Price Index, serial agents, record keeping, serials managements in industrial libraries, relegation and conservation costs, financial management in libraries, economics of information transfer and financing serials.

Specification for retrospective conversion of UK MARC files, 1950–1980. British Library Bibliographic Services Division. London: the Division, 1980. 50p. £20.

The British Library Bibliographic Services Division has successfully written a computer program which effectively converts records from AACR1 to AACR2. This document describes the conversion produced by the program.

The document is in five sections. The first describes the major changes in cataloguing data brought about by the conversions. The second section gives technical specifications. These are very detailed to enable others to apply the same conversions as BLBSD by writing their own program and utilising the Name Conversion File. This section also describes the converted records which will be available on exchange tapes from 1981 onwards. The third section describes the changes not included in conversions. It outlines the areas where retrospective conversion will not be applied to the UK MARC Files. The fourth section gives the availability of the converted UK MARC Files and the Name Conversion File. Lastly the fifth section describes the conversion that will be applied during 1981 and, possibly, in future years.

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